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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday his bill seeking a grant of "CNMI-only" resident status to four groups of aliens "now has a better chance" of passing—at least in the U.S. House of Representatives—compared to a month or so ago because of growing understanding about the bill's intent, welcome news to those covered by the measure.



Sablan

At the same time, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday he is also concerned about the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens who have yet to apply for a change of status because of financial difficulties and who could lose status after Nov. 27.

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11-11-11
brings hopes of good luck

By MATT SEDENSKY
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Place your bets! Tie the knot! Make a wish! Friday is the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, and around the country, many people are planning to mark the triple convergence of 11s with a splash, hoping it will bring them good fortune or at least amuse them for a day.

Marjaneh Peyrovan, who just moved to New York, plans to buy 11 lottery tickets (each, of course, including the number 11). She will

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VETERANS DAY

A job for heroes

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Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces exemplify "resilience, determination, selflessness, devotion, courage and honor," having gone through challenging experiences that allowed the rest of the nation to "live" their lives in relative peace, said Capt. John K. Russ.

Russ, Submarine Squadron Fifteen commander, was the keynote speaker for this year's Veterans Day Ceremony held yesterday at the American Memorial Park Court of Honor on "the 11th hour, the 11th day, the 11th month" or 11am on 11/11/11.

Veterans were joined by service members, government officials, and other community members

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FOREVER GRATEFUL

A boy rests under one of the state and service flags temporarily planted on the grounds of American Memorial Park in Garapan where a crowd took part in a 2011 Veterans Day commemoration to honor military veterans and those who are serving in the armed forces. Veterans Day is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day around the world to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I on that date in 1919.

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Veterans Day



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Submarine Squadron Fifteen commander Capt. John K. Russ of the Joint Region Marianas pose with veterans and other guests in front of the Court of Honor at American Memorial Park during yesterday's Veterans Day commemoration.

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A U.S. flag hovers above a veteran.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Submarine Squadron Fifteen commander Capt. John K. Russ lead the laying of the wreath.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Capt. John K. Russ, left, commander of Submarine Squadron Fifteen, confers with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial during the Veterans Day ceremony. Russ was the keynote speaker, while Fitial delivered the welcoming remarks.

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A B-52 aircraft from the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron out of the 36th Wing at Andersen Force Base in Guam flies over American Memorial Park as part of yesterday's Veterans Day commemoration.

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While a crowd gathers for the Veterans Day ceremony a few feet away, two children check out the flags on the grounds of American Memorial Park.

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Saipan Southern High School cadets guard the wreath.

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) greets Marianas High School aeronautics class students at the Veterans Day commemoration.

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Arrested people could pay \$100 booking fee

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People arrested by the Department of Public Safety could be made to pay an estimated \$100 in DPS "booking fee" if and when a new revenue-generating bill becomes law.

HEROES

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in the annual holiday honoring military veterans in the Commonwealth and across the nation.

"Many of us have never come close to experiencing the incredible challenges and horrors of combat that many of our veterans have endured," said Russ.

Russ asked his audience to "try to imagine" being in the same difficult situation—which he vividly described—as that endured by Medal of Honor

Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (R-Saipan) formally introduced on Thursday House Bill 17-235, requiring each person arrested and booked by DPS a booking fee "based on the jail's actual booking costs or \$100, whichever is less."

The fee is payable immediately from any money then possessed by the per-

son being booked, or any money deposited with DPS on the person's behalf, the bill says.

Palacios said his bill would allow DPS to recoup actual costs associated with the booking and other processing of persons arrested by a peace officer and brought to jail for booking or detention.

"The booking fee will not be predicated off of guilt of innocence; therefore once a person is booked and processed, he or she will be charged the fee," the bill says.

The cash-strapped government has been looking for ways to generate additional revenues, with its budget now down to \$102 million in fiscal year 2012, back to the level of some 20 years ago.

Palacios said in his bill that lim-

ited resources has negatively impacted many government agencies that will eventually affect the services that these agencies provide to people.

If the person arrested has no funds at the time of the booking or during the period of incarceration, the DPS commissioner or his appointee may notify the court where the charges related to the booking are pending, and may request the assessment of the fee, the bill says.

Chapter provided refreshments.

David Kapileo Peter, who was in Vietnam for 33 months, said the Veterans Day Ceremony is "especially important" for him.

"Sometimes we tend to think that we've been forgotten for the hardships we went through. Having this activity every year reminds us that we're not forgotten," he said, adding that he feels "very honored" by the tribute.

"Today is our day," said Nac Char-gualaf, a retired U.S. Army. "When people recognize us, you get that sense of thankfulness. Being a veteran, I think this is the only day besides Memorial Day when we feel important."

Ruth Coleman, who was with the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, said the recognition "gives me a little bit more energy to do more because my service didn't go unrecognized."

"It feels good to be appreciated by your community," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Coleman, too, believes that families play an important role in the lives of veterans and active service members. "The veterans will not be successful if it wasn't for their family members being there. We thank them also for all the sacrifices they make," she said.

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American wars. The day honors military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation. A national ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

VETERANS

21.8 million: The number of military veterans in the United States in 2010.

1.6 million: The number of female veterans in 2010.

2.4 million: The number of black veterans in 2010. Additionally, 1.2 million veterans were Hispanic; 265,000 were Asian; 156,000 were American Indian or Alaska Native; 28,000 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; and 17.5 million were non-Hispanic white. (The numbers for blacks, Asians, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and non-Hispanic whites cover only those reporting a single race.)

9 million: The number of veterans 65 and older in 2010. At the other end of the age spectrum, 1.7 million were younger than 35.

WHEN THEY SERVED

7.6 million: Number of Vietnam-era veterans in 2010. Thirty-five percent of all living veterans served during this time (1964-1975). In addition, 4.8 million served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present); 2.1 million in World War II (1941-1945); 2.6 million in the Korean War (1950-1953); and 5.5 million in peacetime only.

LUCK

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check out apartments she has been eyeing. And precisely at 11:11 a.m., she will walk into the office of Diane von Furstenberg, the fashion designer for whom she has long dreamed of working.

"People say on 11/11 things happen, things will come true," she said. "You never know."

Twins Betsy and Katie Overman of Madison, Wis., will celebrate their 11th birthdays with sweet bread topped with a buttercream number 11. Their mother, Julie Overman, plans to put 11 candles in their meals and snacks. And the twins will wear socks festooned with 11s.

"They also found the 11 date is supposed to be lucky for relationships, but

49,500: Number of living veterans in 2010 who served during the Vietnam era and both Gulf War eras and no other period.

Other living veterans in 2010 who served during three wars:

■ 54,000 served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam era.

Living veterans in 2010 who served during two wars and no other period:

■ 837,000 served during both Gulf War eras.

■ 211,000 served during both the Korean War and the Vietnam era.

■ 147,000 served during both World War II and the Korean War.

WHERE THEY LIVE

3: Number of states with 1 million or more veterans in 2010. These states were California (2 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.6 million).

14.1: Percent of people 18 and older in Alaska who were veterans in 2010. The percent of the 18 and older population who were veterans was 12 percent or more in Maine, Montana, Virginia and Wyoming.

EDUCATION

26 percent: Percent of veterans 25 and older with at least a bachelor's degree in 2010. In comparison, 28 percent of the total population had a bachelor's degree or higher.

92 percent: Percent of veterans 25 and older with a high school diploma or higher in 2010, compared with 86 percent of the population as a whole.

INCOME

\$35,367: Annual median income of veterans, in 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars, compared with \$25,605 for the population as a whole.

ON THE JOB

9.6 million: Number of veterans 18 to 64 in

they still think boys are gross," their mother said.

In Atlantic City, N.J., some restaurants are advertising \$11.11 meals and the Trump Taj Mahal is planning drawings every 11 minutes for up to \$1,111. The Riverwind Casino is Norman, Okla., prepared for an onslaught of gamblers eager to roll the dice or double-down in blackjack.

"Gamblers are a superstitious bunch," said Jack Parkinson, the casino's general manager.

In Las Vegas, Clark County Clerk Diana Alba got ready for an onslaught of weddings, with some 3,200 applications already filled out, more than three times the normal number. She is expecting the number of couples to surpass the crowd on 08/08/08 and equal the throng on 10/10/10. It may not, however, reach the turnout seen on July

he said are "all too often overlooked."

"They are our military families: mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, and children who hold down the fort and keep the home fires burning while their loved ones are away," said Russ. "They are the key to the strength of our services and our veterans."

Russ also highlighted the CNMI's "longstanding tradition of service in the U.S. military." "For an island with a population of so few, you have given more than most. I am honored to be among you today," he said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who deliv-

ered the welcoming remarks, said the spirit of patriotism continues to live in the Commonwealth, and called on the island community to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of war veterans.

"Without our veterans, we wouldn't be where we are today," said Fitial. "For some, tomorrow never comes, but because of you veterans, we have a chance to reach our own tomorrows."

Yesterday's ceremony began with the posting of colors by the Saipan Southern High School JROTC, followed by the singing of the national and CNMI anthems by the Marianas High School Chorus and invocation by Fr. Ryan Jimenez.

Chuck Sayon served as the emcee while the Pacific Winds Concert Band led the pre-ceremonial music and the playing of taps.

After the welcoming and the keynote speaker's remarks, Fitial and Russ led veterans, service members, and other guests in the laying of wreaths.

The audience also witnessed the fly-by of a B-52 aircraft out of the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron of the 36th Wing Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, coinciding with the playing of taps.

The American Red Cross-NMI

BUSINESS OWNERS

9 percent: Percentage of all U.S. nonfarm firms that are majority owned by veterans. Veteran-owned firms comprised an estimated 2.4 million of the 27.1 million nonfarm businesses nationwide in 2007.

75 percent: Percentage of veteran owners of respondent firms who were 55 or older in 2007. This compares with 37 percent of all owners of respondent firms. Similarly, in 2007, 56 percent of veteran-owned respondent firms with employees reported that their businesses were originally established before 1990. This compares with 39 percent of all employer respondent firms.

8 percent: Percentage of veteran owners of respondent firms who were disabled as the result of injury incurred or aggravated during active military service.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

7, 2007—a date that consists of three lucky sevens.

"That was like the granddaddy of all dates," Alba said.

Bryan Savage of Oklahoma City is among those tying the knot on 11-11. He said the number 11 is meaningful to him and his fiancee, Tara Melton, because his birthday is in November and they met in November.

"It's just kind of cool and we didn't really want Valentine's Day or a holiday, but we just wanted something memorable," he said.

Plus, he added, it will be easier to remember his anniversary.

In Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Ross Valone, an obstetrician-gynecologist, will refund any fees he collects from delivering babies Friday. In Bellevue, Wash., Jason Brown will open his new grocery store at 11:11 a.m.

HR 1466

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Fitial said this is one "gray" area he wants clarification.

He said one of the main objectives of the federalization law is to help develop and train the local workforce "so in order to do this, we need to weed out all illegal nonresidents, illegal employees."

Sablan, the CNMI's nonvoting delegate to U.S. Congress, said "there's movement" on his H.R. 1466.

"We're working on it. The chance of the bill passing today is much better than it was a month ago," Sablan said in an interview at the 2011 Veterans Day ceremony at American Memorial Park yesterday.

Sablan introduced H.R. 1466 in April with four original co-sponsors, a number that has since grown to 48 "because people are beginning to understand the issue involved."

"I am trying to help American citizens who happen to have families who are foreign country nationals. So what's wrong with me helping United States citizens?" he added.

Even before the U.S. House could pass his bill, Sablan said he has already been communicating with U.S. senators and urging them to act favorably on the measure once it reaches the Senate.

Once HR 1466 hurdles the U.S. House, it will have to pass the U.S. Senate before going to the president's desk for enactment.

Precy Villafuerte, a 40-year-old nonresident mother of a 5-year-old U.S. citizen child, hopes that Sablan's HR 1466 will be passed and signed into law soon so she won't lose her status.

Villafuerte's umbrella permit expires

on Nov. 27, and she has yet to find an employer to petition her for a transitional worker permit.

"If I don't find an employer by then, I could lose my status. I don't want to leave my daughter here. She's only 5 and this is her home, not the Philippines," she said.

Violy Bawana, also a mother to a 15-year-old U.S. citizen child, prays every day that Sablan's HR 1466 will be passed and signed soon.

"My son wants to finish high school here. If I lose my status and I have to leave, then I will have to leave my son here with his grandparents," he said.

Villafuerte and Bawana are among the hundreds if not thousands of individuals who are covered by Sablan's HR 1466.

Sablan's HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, CNMI permanent residents, those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

Fitial has long been opposed to the bill because of its provision to extend status to alien workers with U.S. citizen children, regardless of age.

Rene Reyes, president of Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd., said yesterday that Sablan's statement is "encouraging news for many" in the community.

But Reyes said it may be too late for others who could benefit from HR 1466 but who could lose status after Nov. 27 if they fail to find jobs.

"People have been applying for humanitarian parole," he said.

CPA approves contract renewal of airport, seaport managers

» Immediate hiring of 14 positions OK'd

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority board has renewed the job contracts of Saipan airport and seaport managers with no changes in their salaries. It also approved the immediate hiring of 14 other positions for Commonwealth airports and seaports.

CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero recom-

mended the renewal of contracts for Saipan airport manager Ed Mendiola and seaport manager MaryAnn Lizama, both long-time employees of the ports agency. Their contracts expired on Oct. 26 this year. The board offered them the same salaries of \$55,000 per annum.

Deleon Guerrero said that both Mendiola and Lizama are outstanding employees. "These people have been with

CPA for a long time and are very knowledgeable in what needs to be done in their respective areas," he said.

The board also approved the immediate announcement of 14 positions for CPA, including the procurement officer post, which a new position. Deleon Guerrero said 13 of these vacant slots are replacements for employees who either retired or resigned last fiscal year.

"Even if we recruit these positions, we will remain at 198

employees because they are all replacements except for the procurement officer," he said after Thursday's board meeting.

Despite some financial challenges, he said that CPA is committed to an 80-hour biweekly work schedule for all employees until the end of fiscal year 2012 on Sept. 30 next year.

The agency has been enforcing internal austerity measures that include a hiring freeze on new positions, a ban on off-island travels, energy conserva-

tion, and keeping 30 positions vacant. It has an approved 228 FTEs, of which only 198 are occupied for two years now. These vacant positions will not be provided a replacement, unless the management classifies the post as critical to its operation.

CPA is an autonomous agency that operates using its own revenues, while majority of its programs receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Meantime, CPA is also work-

ing on revising the agency's existing procurement and personnel regulation to come up with a unified bylaw that would cover both local and federal requirements.

According to CPA legal counsel Robert Torres, work on the revision of personnel rules and regulations are underway and he targets the end of the year to complete the draft. Torres is targeting full presentation to the board by early next year.

In his report to the board Thursday, Torres said they are now reviewing the existing CPA rules section by section.

Fitial reappoints Kim to MVA board

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reappointed last week Kwang Joong Kim to the Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors.

Kim's nomination was rejected by a Senate panel in June this year as he is not a U.S. citizen and was not eligible for the position. A new law signed in September this year, however, amended that requirement, allowing the nomination of a CNMI resident but is not a U.S. citizen or national. Kim is a Korean citizen.

Kim's new nomination is as representative of Saipan busi-

nesses and, if confirmed by the Senate, will fill the seat vacated by Jerry Tan in March last year. His term will expire on March 18, 2014.

"The lieutenant governor and I are confident that Mr. Kim is qualified and will be an asset on this important board. We will provide copies of his resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test receipt, and drug test result as soon as they become available," said Fitial in his letter to Sen. President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Kim was named honorary tourism ambassador of MVA in 2009 for his contributions to the local tourism industry. He was the general manager of Asiana Airlines in the Northern Marianas from 2005 to June 2009 and successfully brought in tourists and golfers from Korea. He was also honored for his active promotion of the CNMI as a great destination.

Asiana Airlines and Laolao Bay Golf Resort in Saipan are both owned by the Kumho Asiana conglomerate in Korea. Kim is now assigned at the golf resort. In 2007, Kim was selected by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce as its Business Person of the Year. (Moneth G. Deposa)

Dog control program has new truck

The Saipan Mayor's Office now has a vehicle to use for its dog control program.

Executive secretary Vincencia Seman said the pickup truck with trailer that they got last week was obtained through federal funds.

"We're pleased that we now have the proper vehicle to capture stray dogs and transport them to our facility," said Seman.

Saipan Tribune learned that 1,648 dogs have already been registered under the dog control program, which

kicked off in June.

Dog registration is currently being held at the San Roque Fire Station and the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Seman said they are now working on getting started with construction of a dog facility in Lower Base.

At present, Seman said stray dogs are kept at a transfer station in Chalan Kanoa.

To register your dogs or for more information about the program, call 234-6208. (Clarissa V. David)



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Paterno had to go

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno was fired Wednesday night because he failed to do all he could when told that a former assistant coach was sexually abusing young boys on campus. He wanted to finish out the season. The Penn State Board of Trustees understood that couldn't happen. He had to go.

Paterno had reported to his superior a 2002 incident in which former defense coach Jerry Sandusky allegedly sodomized a 10-year-old boy in the football locker room showers. That is, Paterno did what was required of him. But the legendary football coach didn't take the next step, as required by moral obligation, to stop grievous harm from coming to children. He apparently didn't pursue how Penn State handled the allegations—or simply call the police.

Penn State's board understood that Paterno couldn't be allowed to retire graciously on his own terms at the end of the bowl season. Paterno was fired, along with President Graham Spanier.

The stomach-churning scandal that engulfs the university grows uglier by the day. Sandusky has been charged with sexually abusing eight boys, some as young as 8 years old, over 15 years.

Two high-ranking Penn State officials—athletic director Tim Curley and senior vice president Gary Schultz—have been charged with failure to report the allegations to authorities and lying to a grand jury.

If these horrifying accusations are true—including the chronic failure to report sexual assault crimes—then Penn State officials allowed a pattern of sexual abuse against children to continue for years. This wasn't hidden in the shadows: Eyewitnesses had observed shocking assaults on university property.

High-ranking Penn State officials had evidence that a child predator was on the prowl—a respected football coach, one of their own, a man known for his charitable work with at-risk children—and they did nothing.

They failed to report information that authorities could have used to prevent further attacks. The Penn State officials failed in their most basic of duty to everyone at the university and in the community: to help keep their campus and town safe.

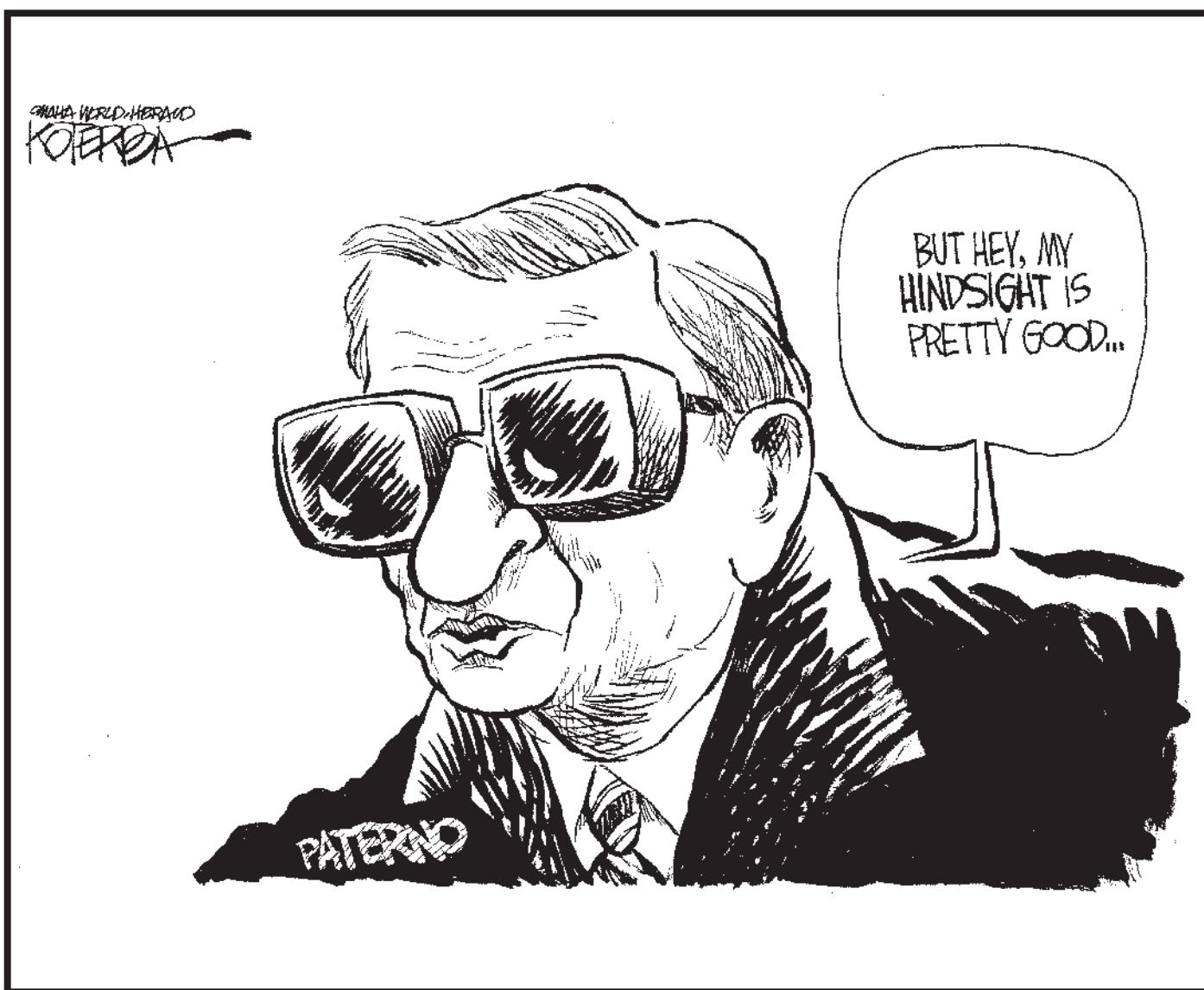
The overarching lesson here applies at campuses across the nation: University officials—coaches, campus security officers, top administrators—often respond reflexively to events that could bring scandal. They want to keep everything quiet, pursue the investigation in-house, find a remedy within the school disciplinary code.

Wrong move.

When school officials try to keep serious misconduct off the local police blotter, when they fail to report alleged felonies, they ultimately risk the reputations of their institutions—and the safety not only of their students but of everyone in the community.

By ending Paterno's 46-season career as head coach right now—no end zone dance—Penn State's board has demonstrated that athletics won't be the highest priority on the State College campus.

"With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more," Paterno said. So do the families of all those boys.



Can Barack Obama be more like Bill Clinton?

Bill Clinton feels Barack Obama's pain. "President Obama has had a tough hand to play," the former president writes in "Back to Work," his passionate little book about, well, mostly about what Bill Clinton would do if he were in the White House today.

And Clinton means it. He acknowledges that Obama is wrestling with a much deeper economic crisis than anything he faced in the early 1990s. He blames most of our problems on George W. Bush and other Republicans for passing tax cuts that ballooned the federal deficit and for failing to regulate financial derivatives (he admits he could have done more of that himself). And many of the 46 ideas Clinton offers for reviving the economy duplicate proposals Obama has made at one time or another—a payroll tax cut, an infrastructure bank, help for underwater homeowners.

"The book lavishly praises the administration's economic policy, its energy policy, its whole thing," Clinton insisted on the "Today" show Tuesday.

Yes, but, Clinton's book doesn't argue that Obama is wrong on substance; quite the contrary. But its unmistakable subtext is that Obama, unlike Clinton, has failed to make Democratic policies palatable to voters, and as a result, many of them are migrating to the Republican alternative.

"I do think the president has done a better job than he's gotten credit for," Clinton said on MSNBC. "But Americans hire presidents to win for them." Ouch!

Former presidents don't normally offer political advice to their successors in books; traditionally, they do it in private. Obama has sought Clinton's advice on several occasions, but it sounds as if the former president isn't sure the current one was listening.

Besides, Clinton says he was so upset by the Democrats' failure to present a persuasive message in the 2010 congressional elections that he needed to put his ideas on paper—to help them avoid a repeat debacle in 2012.

In 2010, "the Republicans ran a more effective, more aggressive campaign," Clinton writes. "Even though President Obama and Congress did several significant, positive things in 2009 and 2010, the beneficiaries of these changes didn't yet feel them, and often didn't even know about them."

Not only was there a failure to communicate, Clinton writes, but Democrats got stuck defending "big government," almost always a losing hand in American politics. And here's where Clinton's mostly implicit critique goes beyond PR skill and style. What Obama needs to do more, he writes, is to focus on "what works"—programs that deliver tangible results that voters can see.

That means more public-private partnerships and more small-scale pilot programs to show that government activism can succeed.

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It means quicker, more aggressive regulatory reform to remove obstacles from private enterprise.

And it means a bigger, more visible effort at reforming the way the federal government works, modeled (surprise!) after the Clinton administration's Reinventing Government program.

"The idea that the government would mess up a two-car parade has shaped the framework in which we debate the issues," Clinton writes. But a big, visible reform program can disrupt that Republican narrative and show voters that "government doesn't always mess everything up. It can be worth what you pay for it."

In short, Clinton is saying: If Obama wants to win the debate in 2012 over whether the country needs an activist federal government, he needs to be more Clinton-esque. To which the White House response has been: We're doing the best we can. In public, Obama spokesmen have politely thanked the former president for his support, even if his friendly advice has sometimes felt a little like friendly fire. Being accused of political malpractice, even gently, by a much-admired former president can't be good.

In fact, Obama has already taken some of Clinton's advice. During the last few weeks, the president has unveiled plans for Clinton-style "small ball" federal initiatives that he can accomplish through executive order, without waiting for a balky Congress to act: programs to help underwater homeowners refinance their mortgages, to lengthen repayment terms for student loans and to reduce shortages of prescription drugs. He's launched a regulatory reform effort to identify rules that get in the way of business development. And, long before Clinton spoke up, Obama's Office of Management and Budget went to work on administrative reform—although the Obama White House never made it a showpiece the way the Clinton administration did.

Is it too late for Barack Obama, the cool, cerebral advocate of big government programs, to turn himself into another Bill Clinton, the empathetic advocate of voter-friendly micro-initiatives?

Probably. But from the Democrats' standpoint, it's surely worth a try.

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11.11.11

My No. 2 daughter Teresa got married on 02.02.2002 in Honolulu to Niall, a laddie from Galway of Eire/Erin/Innisfall, the land that poets romantically dub as a place where one frolics in the happy admixture of fact and fiction, of the happy marriage of information, intuition and imagination. Niall found employment tunneling through mountains and under rivers in the US of A, and we do not mean digging a hole with spade, pick, and hoe. His crew bores and barrels underground churning rock and mineral to make way for highways and subways. Whatever significance my Scot-Anglo-German-Indo-Sino-Malay daughter and her Gaelic husband attributed to the multi-two numerology on their wedding date, they kept it to their own self-story of personal blessed bliss.

Not so in China with yesterday's 11.11.11, day of six ones, observed as a "Singles Only" day. Since this is our double-six year (*liuliu*, 66) of existence (also depicted as 111111/111111), a colleague pointed out that I might celebrate its numerological significance twice, or of double intensity. Yesterday was a day of single aloneness and since I come quite intentionally with our chosen solitary monastic mendicant lifestyle, yesterday should have been *deja vu*, just another day.

But in the uncanny (eerie strange weirdness of the Freudian sense) turn of events, it was also the day the son (Slav-Celt-Iberian-Han) of our Belgian-Chinese colleague celebrated the 111th day of his birth, adding another three "ones" on the six, so we supped over exquisite Sino cuisine with Belgian wine, cheese and chocolate, and indulged in a quiet evening of culinary and olfactory refinements. *Ai-yah*, and with a coterie of international ladies and gentlemen at dinner, we were encouraged to toast our single blessedness, as well?

Penn State scandal reminds us that predators use sport as cover to hunt

If you're a parent whose children love sports, you've probably been focused on Penn State University.

And my guess is, you're sick to your stomach and thinking about the predators out there, the ones that hunt children and use youth sports as cover.

At Penn State it's all crisis management and agendas and process and finger-pointing, as administrators' heads are lopped off and fact-finding commissions are formed in the hopes of studying what went wrong.

But that's all a bunch of public relations garbage, as if their wrists and commissions and carefully lawyered-up anguish can make up for the young souls who've been torn.

What went wrong, simply is this:

The vaunted Penn State football program looked the other way when a 10-year-old boy was allegedly raped in the shower by Jerry Sandusky, the former and legendary defensive coordinator who had been the subject of a previous investigation of sexual predation.

Sandusky had been working with young boys as part of a charity he founded to help at-risk children. He's accused of molesting eight of them. According to the grand jury report, a young Penn State graduate assistant walked in on the older Sandusky and the 10-year-old boy on the evening of March 1, 2002.

According to the report, the graduate assistant, since identified as Penn State assistant coach Mike McQueary, entered the locker room and was "surprised to find the lights and showers on. ... He saw a naked boy, Victim 2, whose age he estimated to be 10 years old, with his hands up against the wall."

Sandusky was raping the boy, according to the report, which explains what the graduate assistant did next:

"The graduate assistant left immediately, distraught."

He left, immediately, distraught?

He didn't stop them. He didn't shout. He didn't grab Sandusky by the ear and kick his leg out from under him and send him to the floor. He didn't club him with a chair or hit him with a fist. He didn't protect that boy.

Instead, McQueary protected himself, and ran away and called his father.

The next morning, according to the report, McQueary informed legendary head coach Joe Paterno. And the old coach called two other university officials and they began to cover it up. Paterno didn't call police.

On Wednesday, the old man said he would retire at the end of this season, but later that night he was fired.

"I am absolutely devastated by the developments in this case," he was quoted as saying Wednesday. "I grieve for the children and their families, and I pray for their comfort and relief."

I don't know a sports fan that isn't saddened by what's happened to Paterno. But if he does care about the children, then he should have resigned long ago.

It isn't the first scandal in sport and it isn't the last. It's the kind of thing that stings, but public relations consultants are paid to soothe such

Today, we cannot be *hua hua gong zi* (playful) with the ladies. The facticity of our singleness is affirmed! Nothing about Victorian morality here, just being single-minded, and singularly focused. And so it is, but we will go one step further into extolling our lucidity that everyone, each of us, is a solitary self, and the journeys of our lives are best appropriated in its individuality rather than its social connectivity. If the old U.S. social contract declares that "all men (sic) are created equal," in today's revolution, we say that "everyone is to be treated equal" (*equally* to the grammatical purist, but we'll exercise poetic license).

With our Chinese students, we are wont to point to the big picture. *Putunghua* (common language) favors group consciousness and the intricate rituals of maintaining "face," what is publicly experienced, is given high premium. China is a nation of multi-layered facades. Appearances counts and reality that adheres to "truth" is too complex to portray. On the other hand, the students are learning the language of science, the urban and the secular, and English in its usage favors the discourse of self-consciousness. In fact, the aim of education, specifically and generally, is the triune articulation of self-consciousness: to be economically self-sustaining, politically self-reliant, and culturally self-confident.

Ayn Rand, best known for her *Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*, and the cult of rugged individualism she inspired are often accused of being indifferent to social conscience. We know that some of our more colorful personalities on island swear by her shadow. The political left tends to caricature her emphasis on personal freedom and free enterprise as sociopathic politics. With the powerful black-and-white image of the Russian-American lady holding a cigarette with an upturned nose defiant of social norms, behaviorally acted as well, adds fuel to the fire.

No matter. It is not the austerity of Ayn Rand's politics, even as reflected in the Tea Party movement, or the simple elegance of some

hurts, and all that cash from college football helps dull the pain.

Official anger will be spent and then siphoned off, and commissions will discuss pathologies in organizations like football programs or the church, hierarchies that protect their own at the expense of the vulnerable.

So there will be stages: first disgrace, and then a made-for-TV comeback a few years from now, and the drums will thump and the horns will play, and Penn State's shame will be, if not forgotten, at least numbed.

And then, with more hype and a perhaps a Heisman Trophy winner or a national championship run, it'll all fade away. It'll become nothing. And those who insist on speaking of it will be treated as if they've become ill.

But that 10-year-old boy won't forget. And parents don't have the luxury of forgetting either. Parents can't forget a thing. They must always be vigilant, on the lookout for the human hyenas who hunt children to sexually abuse.

I don't mean this as an indictment of youth sports or coaches. I've coached myself and love it. And my experience is that the good coaches are the ones who continually press for more extensive background checks.

And good coaches know—as do wise parents—that the hyenas aren't just looking for any child. They're looking for that special victim. The one they can take without fear of being hurt themselves.

Letter to the Editor

Do you have the same questions on your mind?

Why did USCIS take over immigration control of contract workers? This question makes me wonder whether it was because there is something we don't see or because of the CNMI lawmakers inability to control the growing demand for contract workers.

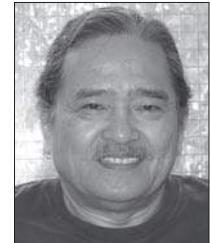
Other than to invest and pay taxes, aren't investors supposed to create jobs for the people of the CNMI? I mean on Thursday, an article that raised questions on the job announcements makes me wonder if the reason for them being here is to take over the decision made in hiring foreign workers who are now controlling majority of the workforce in the CNMI and CNMI resident are left with very few jobs.

The other question is, did USCIS took over because of our inability to control labor and decrease unemployment among local residents? One good example is a Saipan lawmaker's concern on the casino bill, which is not as important as these takeover issues. I mean, shouldn't these lawmakers be worried about what will happen to our economy if majority of these businesses shut down because they can't afford to continue their business without the reliable workforce they need? I mean shouldn't they try and save the remaining investors we have that are generating revenue now?

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Tribune

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of the "Occupy" expressions that interest us. It is the democratic notion that each of us is to be treated equally as individuals rather as units of an eco-political horde that warms our singularly egalitarian heart this singles' day. Admittedly, each of us has more in common biologically (97 percent of our DNA are similar) than the minute aspects of our diversity, but the modern foundation of individual and human rights is precisely on that 3 percent *vive la difference* (ontological quality of intra-specie existence). The trait invites humane cooperation and collaboration, rather than animalistic clobbering competition, a tenet of corporate capitalism in today's financial collapse and economic chaos.

Perhaps, my son-in-law's Erin tradition of combined metaphorical information, intuition, and imagination may be appropriated. Einstein once commented that imagination is more important than intelligence, and if our leaders (and journalists) would operate less out of spinning statistics on the guise of objectivity and intuit informed existential experience, we might be able to hear the "hurts and yearnings" of the primal screamers among our disenchanted young and 'occupy' folks!

Singly, we are, now and ever shall be!

By JOHN KASS

Chicago Tribune

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So they look for the child with indifferent or stupid or nonexistent parents, the parents who don't come to practice and eyeball the coach.

They look for that child who is alone in the group. The child who needs a friend.

They look for that child of a single mother who is tired and overwhelmed and desperate for a strong male role model for her boy.

Does this sound harsh? Have I hurt someone's feelings? That's unfortunate, but I'm not really sorry. If you're not a parent and you're offended, then too bad. The child is more important than your feelings.

But if you are a parent, and you've read about Penn State, you can't be offended. Frightened, yes. Sickened, of course. Offended?

If you know any judges, prosecutors, police officers, psychiatrists, then ask them and they'll tell you.

Hyenas hunt where they can find easy prey.

Shouldn't you start cleaning up your mess? Like the hiring of political employees whom you need to start helping, so they can also help you. What if you start looking into the CNMI government workforce and implement a program to improve your workforce by helping these employees qualify for the position they're holding? Wouldn't it be nice if all government employees know their duties and responsibilities, plus what further trainings and education they need to improve themselves and the CNMI government? I would, because if I know what I am doing, I wouldn't be looking for someone to blame if I get caught doing nothing. And knowing what to do makes the task easier to perform and to identify what needs to be done. Not only that, we might gain trust, respect and support from others. I believe that if we do this, the federal government will have plenty of support to give us, plus jobs for locals would increase and the federal minimum wages wouldn't be a problem for everyone.

Do you see the picture here?

Winnie Atalig

San Jose Village, Tinian

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Micronesia

Guam and Rota Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Palau Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Yap Showers	▲ 90 ▼ 76
Chuuk Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Pohnpei Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Kosrae Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Majuro Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 57
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 51 ▼ 30
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 78 ▼ 73
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 47
Los Angeles	Showers	▲ 68 ▼ 50
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 77 ▼ 53
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 68
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 42
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 57
Paris	Sunny	▲ 57 ▼ 43
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 49
Rome	Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 43
Salem	Showers	▲ 47 ▼ 45
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 50
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 38
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 58
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 43

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Saipan Harbor	Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	Today	6:45 PM	7:11 AM
2:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	Sunday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
9:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	Monday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
2:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	Tuesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
7:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	Wednesday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

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Sunday 6:18 AM 5:45 PM

Sunday 7:35 PM 8:02 AM

Monday 6:18 AM 5:45 PM

Monday 8:27 PM 8:53 AM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C05062 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C05064 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C05070 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

C05064 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP

5K384 7:20am 8:10am 2, 6

C05068 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6

C05068 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C05076 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 3, 4, 7

C05078 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily

5K382 9:20pm 10:10pm 1, 5

C05072 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

5K212 8:20am 10:55am 4, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily

DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1

0Z606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701 2:20am 11:15am 1 via ICN

0Z606/701 2:50am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

DL172/288 7:55am 12:35am+1 Daily via NRT

C05070/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM

DL287/173 6:05am 10:10pm Daily via NRT

C05068/183 7:55am 8:40pm 3, 6 via GUM

C05076/183 3:05pm 8:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM

C05076/193 3:05pm 10:10pm

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral

Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center

Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish

Sunday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish

Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish

Monday-Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish

Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota

Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota

Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish

Monday-Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday-Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday-Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish

Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's

Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish

Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios

Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday-Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church

Sunday: 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday: 7pm Friday Prayer: 9pm Bible Study: 4pm (Tue) Music Practice: 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation: 10am (Fri, Sat) Outreach: 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email: oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian

(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan

Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan

Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan

Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm

As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950

Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 9:11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)

GBI Classes: 4-6pm

Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA
Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan

Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm

(Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church

Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church

(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)

First Baptist Church Koblerville

Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan

Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan

Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan

English Worship Service: 9:10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9:10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry

Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center

Sunday School: 9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)

Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church

Sunday: 7:30am-10am

Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ

Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church

(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan

(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville

Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services

Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.

Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan

Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Pao, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times

Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries

Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Guad Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian

Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am
Sunday PM Worship: 7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church

(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 12, 1999

Govt eyes bond float next year

The government is eyeing the first two months of the new year to launch the proposed of \$60 million bond float that will be used to match federal construction grants under the capital improvement projects. Finance officials and lawmakers are expected to discuss today ways on how to carry out the plan, which is part of the financing scheme approved recently by the Legislature, with investment firm Paine Webber hired to underwrite the bonds. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Karl T. Reyes said the meeting will focus on scheduling the sale of the bonds so that the government can line up projects to be funded by its proceeds.

Downsizing of Koban worries MVA

Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Perry Tenorio has expressed concern over the downsizing of the police station in the tourist district of Garapan by the Department of Public Safety. While he recognized that the financial problems besetting DPS have forced the department to freeze the hiring of additional manpower, Tenorio said ensuring the security of island visitors should not be overlooked. Tenorio said he was surprised to learn that the Koban in Garapan is no longer manned by police officers regularly. He said he was not informed when DPS scaled down the police station seven months ago.

Nov. 12, 2001

Tinian's scholarship policy amended

Tinian, CNMI-The Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board has amended its existing policies to accommodate applications for online and distance education programs. Board chairman Janet King said the board recently approved the amendment to their scholarship policy, provided that the recipients follow strict guidelines. One such Tinian applicant is currently enrolled in the University of Phoenix Online Program, and is pursuing her Master of Arts in Education to supplement her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Guam. Another Tinian student recently received approval to take accounting courses through the Harcourt Learning Direct, a correspondence school based in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Maharlika

Nicolas Lewis gets 'Trailblazer of Democracy' award in NYC

NEW YORK, New York—Filipino-American businesswoman and philanthropist Loida Nicolas Lewis was awarded the Trailblazer of Democracy Award by The Eleanor's Legacy organization at their Fall Luncheon on Oct. 24, 2011, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

Eleanor's Legacy, which is an organization focused on empowering women political candidates that follow in the footsteps of former U.S. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, honored Lewis for her continued contributions to the empowerment of women in the political and public arena. Eleanor's Legacy supports Democratic women who are aspiring for local and state offices in the State of New York. Eleanor's Legacy connects candidates with political volunteers and experts, and teaches them about running campaigns.

Lewis was a supporter of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's campaigns, as well as the current Philippine President's campaign in 2010, when she visited different U.S. states to campaign for then senators Benigno Aquino III and Mar Roxas. She also is a stern advocate of voter registration and mobilization, so that together, Filipino Americans can effect change in the U.S. electoral results and show power in their numbers. She also endorses absentee voting registration for elections in the Philippines.

"The triumph of Loida Nicolas Lewis' life reminds us all that the real legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt is an obligation to think of ourselves as citizens of the world," said New York Sen. Ruth Hassell-Thompson. "Loida has followed in the footsteps of Mrs. Roosevelt. Eleanor Roosevelt was known as the first lady of the world, and Loida's vision of a better world, where children are given a chance to learn, where giving young women a chance to lead is not contained to New York State."

Also among the honored guests was New York Sen. Charles E. Schumer, who also spoke highly of Lewis while addressing the large conference of guests.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP)—Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao has little to prove after world titles in a record eight weight classes, but he carries an extra fire into Saturday's fight with Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez.

Pacquiao, regarded as the world pound-for-pound king, will defend his World Boxing Organization title against Marquez on Saturday (Sunday in Manila) after they fought to a 2004 draw and the Asian southpaw won a 2008 rematch by one point on one judge's scorecard.

Marquez taunted Pacquiao by saying he truly won both prior fights, inspiring "PacMan" to train like never before.

A knockout would leave no doubt about which fighter is superior and both men have made changes to boost their chances of landing such a blow, Marquez adding muscle to boost his power and Pacquiao improving his footwork and right hand.

"With the aggressiveness Manny has had in training, I'm sure that's



TROI SANTOS

New York City is one of the 175 Prayer Forum Sites that Loida Nicolas Lewis organized for Peace in the Spratlys as chair of US Pinoys for Good Governance



"Loida Lewis is one of America's leading Filipina women," said Schumer. "Fifteen years ago, when there was a desperate shortage of nurses in this country, and the talent of Filipina women to come here and be nurses was being blocked by the same kind of non-thinking approach to immigration that too many exhibit in Washington today. Loida led the charge to change. There are now thousands of Filipina nurses in America, and particularly in New York."

Just as Mrs. Roosevelt stepped to the forefront when her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt fell ill during his presidency, Lewis stepped forward as CEO of her husband Reginald F. Lewis' investment firm TLC Beatrice following his untimely death at the age of 50. Lewis, who was the first Asian woman to pass the bar exam in New York without studying in the United States,

Loida Nicolas Lewis, left, is joined by Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney and U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (New York).

CARISSA VILLACORTA

showed she was a capable businesswoman in her own right, eliminating the company's debt while making a series of decisions that resulted in an internal return of 35 percent for stockholders.

"I accept this with great honor and humility, and I am honored to represent my fellow Filipinos," said Lewis who is the first and only Filipina Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy awardee so far. During her riveting speech, Lewis was applauded multiple times when she shared her secrets to achieving success.

"Nasa tao ang gawa, nasa Diyos ang awa," she said in Filipino. "God has been so good to me, he has given me so many benefits and advantages, we have to give back, we have to share and that's what I'm doing."

As a philanthropist, Lewis has contributed a considerable amount to a number of causes, such as The Lewis College in her hometown of Sorsogon Province, Philippines that gives scholarships to Filipino children from pre-K to university.

Meanwhile, in her late husband's hometown of Baltimore, Maryland, students so admired Mr. Lewis that they selected his name as their public high school's name, which went on to become the Reginald F. Lewis High School for Business and Law. Mr. Lewis' Foundation supports the school by donating to the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship to teach students how to start their own businesses. For her own Filipino American community, Nicolas Lewis also inspires as she leads programs like the People's Alternative Livelihood Foundation, which is responsible for lifting 20,000 families in the Philippines out of poverty through micro-financing.

Lewis continues to lead many political efforts and philanthropic organizations, including the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance (USP4GG), which she chairs. Lewis is also a trustee of the Philippine Development Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides Filipino students with scholarships in science and technology, to promote social and economic development in the Philippines. (PR)

Pacquiao shows extra fire on fight's eve

what he's looking for," Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach said. "He has a little extra fire in him. His attitude is aggressive. He wants this fight badly.

"If Manny puts him down I don't think he will get up."

Pacquiao knocked down Marquez three times in the first round of their first fight but could not win and knocked him down in the third round of the rematch before barely escaping with the decision.

"I will go to my death and know that (Marquez) won that second fight," said Ignacio Beristain, Marquez's Hall of Fame trainer.

"I thought we won both of them," Roach said. "They were great fights."

Coming up empty twice against Pacquiao drives Marquez, who at 38 is six years older than the champion.

"I'm just as motivated as he is. I'm just as upset as he is because I deserved to win those two fights,"

Marquez said. "We're going to cure a lot of doubts."

Pacquiao, 53-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts, has given Beristain sleepless nights studying video while trying to find a strategy to end the 14-fight win streak of "PacMan".

"You can lose a lot of sleep thinking about Manny Pacquiao," Beristain said. "He is going to come like a lion to this fight. He has the whole Philippines on his shoulders."

"Pacquiao has a great punch. Every minute of every round you are in danger if you get hit. We have worked on ways to avoid that. We talked a lot about being more explosive with his punches."

"Manny Pacquiao is a spectacular fighter. He likes to exchange. He always wants to fight. And he has found a guy who wants to stay in there and fight with him."

Marquez, 53-5 with one drawn and

39 knockouts, is more cautious about Pacquiao's improved right hand skill compared to the first two fights.

"In the past he didn't use his right hand," Marquez said. "Now he is using the right hand with speed. We have to be careful of both hands."

"His left hand was always the big one, the one we tried to nullify. I think his right is the better one now. You have to be careful knowing that he can knock you out with either hand."

But Beristain sees a possible edge for Marquez in Pacquiao's evolution.

"He's a more complete fighter. That helps us," Beristain said. "Before he was throwing wild punches from different angles. You never knew where he was coming from. Now you know right where he is coming from. You know what he's going to do."

Not so fast, Roach warns, citing Pacquiao's footwork.

"That's the key to the fight. That's

the way to draw out Marquez," Roach said. "Manny's balance is better. He will throw the wild shot here and there. With Manny, it's hard to know when he's coming."

"It's because of the footwork. It's going to cause Marquez problems."

Marquez has added muscle but that has brought speed concerns, although Beristain says Marquez can trade blows or evade punches when necessary.

"I was very concerned at the beginning. I could see he was slowing down," Beristain said. "But in the last 15 days, he has picked it up. I'm very happy with how his speed is now. He's going to be fine for the fight."

Roach sees Marquez attacking fast to make the most of his extra size.

"Marquez is going to start quickly. Why else do you put that weight on?" Roach said. "He's going to try to get Manny out of there early."

"I don't see the muscle helping at all. I don't think muscle turns into punching power. Muscle doesn't make you a better puncher."

3RD PACQUIAO-MARQUEZ FIGHT

All signs point to smashing knockout win

By FRANCIS T.J. OCHOA

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

LAS VEGAS—With all the lessons he has learned in the art of fighting counterpunchers and all those days of training hard and studying his opponent's films, Manny Pacquiao is ready to explode.

"I'm so excited already," Pacquiao said. "Let's get it on."

And this, three days before the fight.

With the promise of a vastly improved performance and a definitive end to one of the more compelling debates in boxing, the world's acknowledged pound-for-pound king is going all out against Juan Manuel Marquez on Saturday (Sunday in Manila) at the MGM Grand here.

"I believe I'm going to win the fight," Pacquiao said during a final press conference Wednesday. "The question is, what do I need to do to prove that I really won."

His last statement referred to Marquez's repeated claim that he won their two previous bouts, which resulted in close decisions—a draw in the first and a narrow split decision in Pacquiao's favor in the second.

And all signs point to one answer: A smashing knockout victory.

"There's going to be a lot of fireworks on Saturday," Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach promised. "We worked really hard with Manny for 10 weeks. We know our man is ready."

Pacquiao calmed rabid expectations of a knockout, saying that while he had "trained hard for the fight" he was "not really" looking for a knockout.

"If the knockout comes, it will just be a bonus for all the hard work I put in training," he said.

Different fighting style

What Pacquiao has promised is a different fighting style from the one he flaunted when he failed to finish off Marquez decisively in their first two encounters.

"The problem before was I never really studied his style as a counter-puncher," he said. "For three years, I've been studying how to fight good counterpunchers."

How much he's learned will be put to a big test against an opponent who purposely bulked up for the bout.

It's going to be a huge fight for both fighters. For Marquez, it could be his biggest.

At 38, the Mexican warrior is seeing his window of opportunity slowly shutting. He will earn his biggest paycheck, a guaranteed \$5 million that will be fat-



one drawn and 39 knockouts.

Pacquiao knocked down Marquez three times in the first round of their first fight in 2004 but Marquez rose and rallied to earn a draw.

In 2008, Pacquiao knocked Marquez to the canvas in the third round and took a 12-round split decision, each fighter ahead 115-112 in the eyes of one judge with the third scoring Pacquiao a 114-113 winner.

"This fight is really important to me," Pacquiao said. "I have to end all the issues, all the doubts in people's minds about me beating him."

"I do not blame Marquez or his fans. Yes, the fights were close. This fight will not be close."

More complete fighter

Ignacio Beristain, Marquez's Hall of Fame trainer, sees major changes in both fighters since they last fought each other.

"Pacquiao has become a more technical fighter, better than he was, a more complete fighter," Beristain said. "His punches are now technically better. He's not as wild as he used to be. He has learned a lot of new techniques and he's doing them better, especially the right hook."

"Juan Manuel has matured as a fighter, gotten to a higher level. I think you will see a great fight. I think Juan Manuel will fight like he's 24."

Marquez acknowledged the improvements in Pacquiao's technique but said he was unconcerned. "Obviously he's changed over the years," added the Mexican. "He uses his right hand more, he has a little more speed, but obviously I know all of that, so I've adjusted my work to that. My strategy is to nullify all of that."

Biggest factor

Perhaps the biggest factor in this weekend's fight is size.

The first two bouts between the duo took place at featherweight and super-featherweight. Since their second encounter, however, Pacquiao has rampaged through the weight classes to become the first man to win world titles in eight weight divisions.

Marquez has hired a strength and conditioning coach to bulk up to the extra weight for this weekend's showdown, a decision that has Roach licking his lips in anticipation.

"Let's face it, when you put muscle on, you put muscle on for one reason, and that's to exchange (punches). I like that," Roach said. "If he (Marquez) wants to exchange with us, I think that's great." *With reports from AFP and Reuters*

Guaranteed \$22M pay

The Filipino is expected to earn around \$30 million for the fight—guaranteed purse, pay-per-view shares and his slice of the gate included. The \$22 million reportedly guaranteed him for this fight is his biggest.

But the disrespect Marquez has shown by constantly telling everyone how he was robbed in their first two fights, the amount of money involved, or even putting his WBO welterweight belt on the line won't be Pacquiao's only motivations come fight night.

Life after boxing

A congressman representing Sarangani Province, Pacquiao feels that his shelf life as a boxer is fast approaching its expiry date.

"I've started to think about my future, about my life after boxing," he said.

Pacquiao has huge political plans and even Top Rank promoter Bob Arum has said there will come a time when the Filipino will no longer be able to fit those plans around a boxing schedule.

And with negotiations to fight undefeated Floyd Mayweather Jr. repeatedly collapsing under the weight of the American's demands, Pacquiao's last big bout could be this third fight in a trilogy that is being lined up alongside boxing's greatest rivalries.

Best in trilogy

Pacquiao says he is a better fighter now.

"I've developed my right hand," he told reporters. "I've improved my power since the last fight."

He also warned Marquez that, if he expected to meet the same opponent in the ring that he faced in their two previous fights, he would be in for a surprise.

Marquez is six years older but neither fighter thinks that has cost him any skill and might have made him a smarter, more dangerous fighter.

"I don't believe age has anything to do with it," Marquez said. "I think it's going to be a great war between us. There are

two warriors in the ring. One is pressing the other. Styles make fights."

Marquez's style

Marquez is confident his style will be the significant factor but Pacquiao believes his improved technique will decide the outcome.

"I think my style happens to be difficult," Marquez said. "All boxers have a difficult opponent, and I guess my style is the most difficult for Pacquiao."

He added: "The third fight will show who is the best."

When they fight for the third time, weeks of inspired training and tough words might just produce the greatest bout in the trilogy.

"This will be the best of the three fights with the way these guys are getting ready," Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach said. "Manny has come a long way since those fights. Manny has fought some perfect fights ... I don't think this fight will go the distance."

Erasing all doubts

Pacquiao, 53-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts, will defend his World Boxing Organization welterweight crown against Marquez, 53-5 with

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo 'asylum' bid probed

» Alleged destination: Dominican Republic

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima on Thursday said she had asked the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to look into "unverified information" that the government of the Dominican Republic had provided "passports" to former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her family.

Speaking with reporters, De Lima raised the possibility that Arroyo and her husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Ar-

royo, might seek political asylum if the Supreme Court allowed them to leave for abroad.

"Anything is possible. They can always do that," she said.

The "sinister plot" purportedly hatched by the Arroyo camp was the subject of text messages received by reporters covering the justice beat.

"I'm asking the DFA on how to confirm that. The authority there

would be the DFA," De Lima said.

A number of messages on the Arroyos' "escape plans" had been circulating in the media since De Lima announced on Tuesday that she would not grant the former President's request to be allowed to seek medical treatment overseas for her bone ailment.

Part of the supposed plans was for Chief Justice Renato Corona, who once served as Arroyo's spokesperson

and chief of staff during her presidency, to cut his US trip short and grant the petition for a temporary restraining order (TRO) that the Arroyo couple had separately filed at the Supreme Court.

Last Aug. 23, the high court voted 13-0 to grant Mike Arroyo's petition for a TRO on his inclusion in the immigration bureau's watch list after being tagged in a Senate hearing as the owner of two used helicopters purchased by the Philippine National Police as brand-new.

On Thursday, the Department of Justice (DOJ) asked the high court to allow it to file its comment on the sepa-

rate petitions filed by the Arroyos before acting on their request for a TRO.

In separate manifestations filed by the Office of the Solicitor General, the DOJ urged the high court to defer decision on the Arroyos' petitions and set oral arguments on the matter.

Solicitor General Jose Anselmo Cadiz argued that Arroyo's claim that she would suffer "irreparable damage" if her petition for a TRO would not be granted was baseless.

Cadiz said Arroyo's medical abstracts did not support her claim that her health condition had been worsening. (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

Samu't Sari



VETERANS DAY

Visitors check out the different state and service flags planted on the grounds of the American Memorial Park in observance of Veterans Day yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



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ROTARY PRESENTATION

NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez points to his graph presentation, which shows the recommended contribution rates among retirement plans in different Micronesian islands, during his presentation at the Rotary Club of Saipan general membership meeting Tuesday.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, left, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, right, pose for reporters at the Veterans Day ceremony yesterday.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, looks on as newly sworn in Superior Court associate judge Joseph James Norita Camacho signs official documents during a private swearing-in ceremony on Thursday. A public ceremony will be held on Nov. 18.

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NEW JUDGE

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, center, chats with 11-year-old Ulen Joseph Camacho, the son of newly sworn in Superior Court associate judge Joseph James Norita Camacho and Viola Alepuyo. Also in photo is House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), right.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Japanese students exchange gifts with their counterparts from Grace Christian Academy Thursday as part of their cultural exchange program.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



A Japanese student and a Grace Christian Academy student are seen taking a photo of themselves as part of a cultural exchange program activity on Thursday.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Beau Tomokane, who is celebrating his special day today, Nov. 12. May you have a fantastic time! With love from your family and friends.

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Business

Senate approves jobs benefits for veterans

WASHINGTON (AP)—On Veterans Day eve, an uncharacteristically unified Senate emphatically passed a bill to help unemployed veterans and government contractors that includes the first, small slivers of President Barack Obama's jobs agenda that he is likely to sign into law.

Thursday's 95-0 vote gave lawmakers the opportunity to fly home to holiday events and boast about helping veterans and protecting jobs. But it did little to help close the scorching partisan divide over how to revive the gasping economy, an issue that seems sure to decide next year's presidential and congressional elections.

"We deal with a lot of contentious issues here, but this should

not be one of them," said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., a leading sponsor of the veterans' provisions.

The legislation would award tax credits of up to \$9,600 to companies that hire disabled veterans who have been job-hunting for at least half a year and strengthen employment counseling and training programs for vets and troops about to leave the military.

It also would erase a law, yet to take effect, requiring federal, state and local government agencies to withhold 3 percent of their payments to companies with which they conduct business. That law was enacted under President George W. Bush to nudge companies to fully pay their taxes, but lawmakers now say it would fence off money

those firms could better use to hire more workers.

The House is expected to approve the bill resoundingly next week, which would send it to Obama.

The president's signature would make the veterans tax credits the first fragment of his \$447 billion jobs package to be enacted. Those tax credits would cost \$90 million over the next decade, according to White House estimates. Obama also has supported annulling the withholding requirement on contractors' payments.

The rest of the president's jobs plan, which is highlighted by payroll tax cuts and money for infrastructure projects and hiring teachers and police officers, has foundered. A senior

administration official told reporters that the White House will pressure Republicans over the president's proposal to extend this year's cut in the 6.2 percent Social Security payroll tax cut through 2012, arguing that without a renewal people's taxes would rise next year.

There are about 240,000 unemployed veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, around 12 percent of those who served there, the White House says. A total of 850,000 veterans

overall are out of work, and 1 million additional service members are expected to return to civilian life by 2016, according to White House data.

"No veteran who fought for our nation should have to fight for a job when they come home," Obama said in a written statement after the vote that also called on Congress to approve additional jobs proposals.

That didn't stop both parties from seeking political advantage in Thursday's vote.

Knowing they faced certain defeat in the Democratic-led chamber, Republicans nonetheless tried amending the bill with a giant package they said would create jobs by cutting income tax rates, repealing Obama's health care overhaul and blocking or annulling many labor, energy and environmental regulations. It was rejected by a near party-line 56-40 tally, but it created an opportunity for the GOP to demonstrate its formula for healing the economy.

Unemployment aid hits 7-month low, trade gap falls

WASHINGTON (AP)—The outlook for American jobs and trade looked a little brighter Thursday, despite growing uncertainty overseas. The number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week fell to a seasonally adjusted 390,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fewest since April.

The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$43.1 billion in September, its lowest point of the year, the Commerce Department said. Foreign sales of American-made autos, airplanes and heavy machinery pushed exports to an all-time high.

The data suggest layoffs are easing and the economy grew slightly better over the summer than the government had estimated a month ago.

Stocks rose sharply Thursday, one day after the market tumbled nearly 400 points over concerns that Europe's debt crisis could worsen.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 113 points, or 1 percent, to close at 11,894.

The reports "are modestly strong relative to expectations—encouraging confi-

dence that the economy is gaining a bit of momentum," said Pierre Ellis, an analyst at Decision Economics.

Weekly applications for unemployment benefits have declined in three of the past four weeks, the Labor Department said. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 400,000, also the lowest point since April.

The downward trend in applications suggests businesses are laying off fewer workers. Still, applications need to consistently drop below 375,000 to signal sustained job gains. They haven't been at that level since February.

"The labor market is still weak and quite stagnant but there are hopeful signs of some modest improvement," said Steve Wood, chief economist at Insight Economics.

In September, exports increased 1.4 percent to a record \$180.4 billion, reflecting a big increase in shipments of U.S. made autos and auto parts, the Commerce Department said.

Imports were up a smaller 0.4 percent to \$223.5 billion. Oil imports slowed after huge gains earlier in the year.

The deficit has narrowed for the last three months.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said the lower trade deficit in September could boost growth in the July-September quarter to an annual rate of 2.8 percent, up from the government's initial estimate of 2.5 percent.

Still, Europe's debt crisis could push that region into a recession next year, which could reduce demand for American exports and slow U.S. growth.

A higher deficit acts as a drag on economic growth because it means fewer jobs for American workers.

The outlook for hiring has been mixed in recent months. The economy added only 80,000 jobs in October, the fewest in four months.

But the government also said last week that employers added more jobs in August and September than it had initially reported, and the unemployment rate dipped to 9 percent.

A separate report this week showed that employers advertised more jobs in September than at any other point in the past three years.



AP

People line up to attend an Opportunity Expo held by RecruitMilitary, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, in Miami. The job fair which helps veterans find civilian jobs, features vendors offering employment, educational, and business ownership opportunities.

Greece, Italy turn to experts for way out of debt

ATHENS, GREECE (AP)—Europe's financial crisis eased Thursday as Greece installed a respected economist to replace its prime minister and Italy ap-

peared poised to do the same—both hoping that monetary experts can do better than the politicians who drove their nations so deeply into debt.

The announcement in Athens—coupled with the prospect that volatile Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi will be ushered out soon—quieted market fears, at least for now, that turmoil in Europe could threaten the global economy.

But significant challenges remain in both debt-heavy Mediterranean countries.

Greece's new prime minister, Lucas Papademos, a former vice president of the European Central Bank, must quickly secure the crucial loan installment without which his country will go bankrupt before Christmas, and approve the EU's \$177 billion (euro130 billion) bailout deal.

In Italy, lawmakers have to pass new austerity measures over the next few days. However, expectations that respected economist Mario Monti will

lead an interim technocratic government after Berlusconi goes helped lift the gloom.

Italy's borrowing costs shot up alarmingly Wednesday to 7.4 percent on fears that Berlusconi would linger in office. But the markets calmed Thursday when it appeared that Italian lawmakers would approve the latest government austerity plans in the next few days and Berlusconi would resign after that.

Monti, 68, now heads Milan's Bocconi University, but he made his reputation as the European Union competition commissioner who blocked General Electric's takeover of Honeywell.

European stock markets rose on the twin Greek and Italian developments, while in the U.S. the Dow Jones industrial average was up 113 points, or 1 percent, a day after shedding nearly 400 points. The euro was also in demand, trading 0.5 percent higher at \$1.3609.

Still, the European Union warned that the 17-nation eurozone could slip back into "a deep and prolonged" recession next year amid the debt crisis. The European Commission predicted the eurozone will

grow a pallid 0.5 percent in 2012—much less than its earlier forecast of 1.8 percent. EU unemployment was forecast to be stuck at 9.5 percent.

Europe has already bailed out Greece, Portugal and Ireland—but together they make up only about 6 percent of the eurozone's economic output, in contrast to Italy's 17 percent. Italy, the eurozone's third-largest economy, is considered too big for Europe to bail out. It has a mountain of debt—\$2.6 trillion (euro1.9 trillion)—and a substantial portion of that needs to be refinanced in the next few years.

In Greece, Papademos called for unity and promised to seek cross-party cooperation to keep Greece firmly in the 17-nation eurozone.

"The participation of our country in the eurozone is a guarantee for the country's monetary stability. It is a driver of financial prosperity," Papademos said after getting the mandate to form a Cabinet. "I am not a politician, but I have dedicated most of my professional life to exercising financial policy both in Greece and in Europe."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

APEC econ mins vow to offset EU woes with growth

HONOLULU (AP)—Asia-Pacific finance ministers agreed to push ahead with efforts to boost growth and trade, and to fend off financial crisis through reforms, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Thursday. The government debt crisis in Europe remains the central challenge to global growth, Geithner said ahead of a Pacific rim summit this weekend that encompasses economic giants such as the U.S. and China and small nations including New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. "It is crucial that Europe move quickly to put in place a strong plan to restore financial stability," he said. "They're moving ahead, but we just need them to move ahead more quickly and with more force behind it."

US delays massive oil pipeline from Canada

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration said Thursday it is delaying a decision on a massive oil pipeline until it can study new potential routes that avoid environmentally sensitive areas of Nebraska, a move that likely puts off final action on the pipeline until after the 2012 election. The announcement by the State Department means Calgary-based TransCanada Corp. will have to figure out a way to move the proposed Keystone XL pipeline around the Nebraska Sandhills region and Ogallala aquifer, which supplies water to eight states. The State Department said it will require an environmental review of the new section, which is expected to be completed in early 2013.

Nation

Penn State shaken after firing of Paterno

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—After nearly a half-century on the job, Joe Paterno says he is still getting used to the idea of not being Penn State's football coach. So is the rest of the shaken campus, after one of the most tumultuous days in its history.

In less than 24 hours Wednesday, the winningest coach in major college football announced his retirement at the end of the season—then was abruptly fired by the board of trustees.

Also ousted was Penn State President Graham Spanier—one of the longest-serving college presidents in the nation—as the university's board of trustees tried to limit the damage to the school's reputation from a child sex abuse scandal involving one of Paterno's former assistant coaches.

Paterno's firing sent angry students into the streets, where they shouted support for the 84-year-old coach and tipped over a news van.

In less than a week since former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was charged with sexually assaulting eight boys over a 15-year period, the scandal has claimed Penn State's storied coach, its president, its athletic director and a vice president.

As Cain, Perry scramble, Gingrich seeks an opening

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mitt Romney chugged ahead Thursday as the conservative-fueled drive to deny him the Republican presidential nomination reached a difficult new phase: Once-surgent rivals Rick Perry and Herman Cain scrambled to control serious damage, while an old face sought new ways to exploit their problems.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich could emerge as the newest hope for conservative activists who doubt Romney's commitment to their priorities. But Gingrich trails Romney and others in organizing in key states such as Iowa. And he will have to prove that his long and sometimes troubled political history can withstand closer scrutiny.

Meanwhile, Texas Gov. Perry rearranged his schedule Thursday to try to mitigate a disastrous debate moment, in which he could not remember the third federal agency he has vowed to abolish. Perry canceled a Tennessee fundraiser to appear on several TV networks and the David Letterman show, pledging to stay in the race.

He repeatedly said he "stepped in it" at the Wednesday night debate but declared in an interview, "This ain't a day for quitting nothing."

For Cain, the former pizza company executive, it was day

"Right now, I'm not the football coach. And I've got to get used to that. After 61 years, I've got to get used to it," Paterno said outside his house late Wednesday night. "Let me think it through."

Paterno had wanted to finish out his 46th season—Saturday's game against Nebraska is the last at home—but the board of trustees was clearly fed up with the scandal's fallout.

"In our view, we thought

change now was necessary," board vice chairman John Surma said at a packed news conference where he announced the unanimous decision to oust Paterno and Spanier.

Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley will serve as interim coach, and the university scheduled a news conference with him for later Thursday. Provost Rodney Erickson will be the interim school president.

"I take this job with very

mixed emotions due to the situation," Bradley said at a news conference Thursday morning. "I have been asked by the board of trustees to handle this. I told them I would do it last night. I will proceed in a matter that Penn State expects."

He also said: "I have no reservations about taking this job."

Bradley said he called Paterno after the firings last night but declined to divulge what was said.

"I think that's personal in na-

ture," he said.

However, when asked, he was clear about his admiration of and devotion to the man he is replacing for the time being.

"Coach Paterno has meant more to me than anybody except my father. I don't want to get emotional talking about that," Bradley said. "Coach Paterno will go down in history as one of the greatest men, who

maybe most of you know as a great football coach. I've had the privilege and the honor to work for him, spend time with him. He's had such dynamic impact on so many, so many, I'll say it again, so many people and players' lives."

He added: "It's with great respect that I speak of him and I'm proud to say that I worked for him."

Protesters: Veteran shoots self at Vt. encampment

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP)—A 35-year-old military veteran apparently shot himself Thursday at an Occupy Wall Street encampment in Vermont's largest city, fellow protesters said. A hospital spokesman said later the man had died.

Deputy Chief Andi Higbee said the public was not believed to be at risk after the 2 p.m. shooting at City Hall Park in Burlington.

People who knew the victim in the encampment said they were sure the man, who said he was a veteran, had shot himself. Police would not characterize the circumstances of the shooting.

"This person has clearly needed more help than we were capable of giving him here at this park," said Emily Reynolds, a University of Vermont student and a leader in the local Occupy movement.

If government provided better mental health services, she said, "this probably wouldn't have happened."

The shooting took place in or near a tent at the encampment. Higbee said police were trying to notify the man's fam-

ily; his name was not released. He is believed to be from the Burlington area.

Mike Noble, a spokesman for the Fletcher Allen Health Care hospital in Burlington, confirmed later Thursday that a man who had shot himself at the park had died. Noble said he could provide no other details.

Higbee told reporters in the park it could be several hours before the protesters were allowed to return to their tent and that the shooting made him question whether the protest would be allowed to continue.

"Our responsibility is to keep the public safe. When there is a discharge of a firearm in a public place like this it's good cause to be concerned, greatly concerned," Higbee said.

The encampment has been in the park since Oct. 28. The city had threatened to evict the protesters because the park is closed from midnight until 6 a.m., but city officials made special accommodation for the protesters.

Almost two dozen tents have remained in the park, and the number of protesters has varied.



Penn State students flip a television news van during a riot after it was announced that Joe Paterno would no longer be head coach of Penn State Football on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

11 of trying to get beyond sexual harassment accusations leveled against him by four women, two of whom received cash settlements from a trade association Cain once headed.

Facing voters for the first time since the allegations emerged, Cain met with tea party groups in Michigan, hoping the friendly settings would preserve the lofty perch he enjoyed in GOP polls two weeks ago.

"How you beat Obama? Beat him with a Cain!" he told one supporter at a crowded diner in Ypsilanti. The crowd cheered.

He is airing his first TV ad in Iowa, and he has hired a new lawyer who is warning women they will be scrutinized for any charges made against the candidate.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, filmed a TV ad in Iowa on Thursday and blasted President Barack Obama's Iran policy in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece. His supporters quietly reveled in the good fortune of Perry's and Cain's woes.

With the Iowa caucus set for Jan. 3, and the New Hampshire primary a week after that, Romney is looking strong, but he's hardly home free. Many conservatives still resent his past support of legalized abortion and gay rights, and his requirement that all Massachusetts residents

obtain health insurance.

But they have failed to coalesce around a single alternative. Rep. Michele Bachmann briefly topped the polls, followed by Perry and then Cain. It's unclear whether Cain can hold his position.

Some Iowa Republicans hope former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who emphasizes social conservative issues such as abortion and gay rights, can make a move. He has visited all 99 Iowa counties and aired radio commercials.

Other party insiders feel the person best poised to rise is Gingrich, the fiery Georgian who led the GOP's 1994 takeover of the House (after 40 years in the minority). He eventually lost his leadership post and left the House after clashing with President Bill Clinton over taxes and an unpopular government shutdown.

Gingrich is adding staff in key states, opening new offices this week and raising more money than he has in months.

With Romney widely seen as the front-runner in New Hampshire, a rival must do well in Iowa to surpass him. Gingrich is popular with many Iowa Republicans, and he drew good reviews for his speech at a large dinner in Des Moines last week.

But he has little structure in place for the organizationally in-

tensive caucuses, which require people to show up for gatherings on a mid-winter night. Gingrich has not done much of the retail-level campaigning seen by past successful caucus candidates. His schedule in the next 10 days shows him visiting the state to promote a movie he produced with his wife and participate in a multi-candidate event aimed at social conservative activists.

ACROSS THE NATION

5 dead in copter crash on Hawaii's Molokai island

HONOLULU (AP)—Firefighters are retrieving a fifth body from the wreckage of a helicopter crash on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. A pilot and four passengers crashed into the mountains above an elementary school around noon Thursday. Blue Hawaiian Helicopters owner David Chevalier says the passengers were tourists from the mainland U.S. They were taking a 45-minute tour of west Maui and Molokai. A secretary at Kiholana Elementary says there was a loud explosion followed by black smoke when the helicopter crashed. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says the helicopter was engulfed in flames.

US Army destroys Nazi stockpile of nerve agent

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The nation's largest chemical weapons depot has destroyed its final stockpile of nerve agent—a 4,100-pound supply seized by U.S. troops from Nazi Germany. The Deseret Chemical Depot says the Nazi nerve agent had been stored in bulk containers since the

end of World War II. The Army depot in Utah's west desert is ending a 15-year campaign of destroying a variety of chemical weapons. Only small supplies of other chemical agents remain to be incinerated, and that job is expected to be completed by early next year.

Ex-Grand Canyon head: Coke talks end bottle ban

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—A former Grand Canyon superintendent says plans to ban the sale of plastic water bottles at the canyon were scrapped after talks with bottled water distributor Coca-Cola, which is a donor to the national parks system. But National Park Service spokesman Dave Barna said Thursday that Coca-Cola was not the leading factor in pulling the plug on the ban two weeks ahead of its scheduled Jan. 1, 2011, start date. Barna says the agency determined the ban wouldn't solve the littering problem at the Grand Canyon, and the plan needed more input. Steve Martin retired as Grand Canyon superintendent earlier this year. He says other companies, including Nestle, talked with park officials about the ban, but it wasn't halted until Coca-Cola Co. came forward.

Asia

Thais celebrate water festival despite floods

BANGKOK (AP)—Sahattaya Vitayakaseat placed a tiny crown-shaped boat made from curled banana leaves and marigold flowers into the murky brown water and let it drift toward a park bench submerged by Bangkok's surging Chao Phraya river.

She then closed her eyes and prayed, silently begging forgiveness from Thailand's goddess of water—who some believe is responsible for a three-month wave of cataclysmic flooding that has killed more than 500 people.

"I hadn't planned to come out tonight because there's been so much loss and so much grief," Sahattaya, 45, said Thursday as the Southeast Asian kingdom celebrated Loy Krathong, a full-moon festival held every year when the rainy season comes to an end. "But this is a chance to let our misery float away."

Thais believe the candlelit boats launched during the Loy Krathong holiday can carry misfortune away with them, allowing life to begin anew. But this year the tradition, begun hundreds of years ago to pay tribute to water itself, has taken on a profound new irony.

Floodwaters born from months of intense monsoon rains have swept the country, engulfing whole cities in one of the worst natural disasters in modern Thai history. In the last few weeks, areas of outer Bangkok have also been submerged, forcing residents to flee neighborhoods where the best way to get around now is on boats made from anything that can float—plastic foam, empty water bottles, bamboo poles.

The threat is not yet over, and the Tourism Authority of Thailand responded by canceling all official Loy Krathong celebrations in the capital this year.

The Chao Phraya river—normally filled with tens of thousands of floating lanterns during the holiday—was dark and mostly empty Thursday night.

The Bangkok Metropolitan Authority had urged people not to float krathongs on the river or in any flooded zones. Officials are worried they could trigger fires in abandoned homes or clog drains and canals critical to helping ease the massive pools of runoff bearing down on the metropolis of 9 million people.



AP

A young Thai boy makes his way with Krathong, a small lantern made of banana leaves or paper, to a canal during the Loy Krathong festival at a temple in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011.

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Still, hoards of smiling Thais came

out to celebrate, packing parks across Bangkok where festive vendors sold boiling noodles, balloons and krathongs made of ice cream cones. One hint that things were different this time: donation boxes set up to help flood victims.

At the riverside Santi Chai Prakan Park, teenagers set off firecrackers. A dozen candlelit paper lanterns floated into the night sky above a floodlit fort.

Revelers set loose hundreds of krathongs on the water, in a spot where

Recovering Japan automakers now fighting Thailand floods

TOKYO (AP)—Honda manager Hiroyuki Maehara has swapped his car for a rubber boat to reach the company's auto plant north of the Thai capital. A month after being inundated, the factory that makes nearly 5 percent of Honda vehicles worldwide is still under 1.5 meters (5 feet) of water.

The understandably frazzled Maehara acknowledged that the prospects for the plant's recovery are anyone's guess until floodwaters that have killed more than 500 people in Thailand since July, and caused billions of dollars in damage to industry, subside.

"The whole area is now like a lake," he said this week in a telephone interview.

Among Japan's automakers, Honda Motor Co. has been the worst hit by the Thai flooding—a disaster that arrived just as automakers were recovering from the production slide caused by the March 11 tsunami in northeastern Japan that wiped out parts suppliers. Others such as Toyota Motor Corp. and Mitsubishi Motors Corp. have also suffered.

The disaster is another reminder of how vulnerable car makers and other manufacturers are to supply disruptions since their global operations rely on a myriad of sophisticated parts. Car production as far away as North America has been scaled back as the creeping floodwaters put sup-

the overflowing river had submerged a set of park steps. The krathongs were kept from the river, contained in a barricaded zone beside it.

"She's cruel," Vilasini Rienpracha said with a lighthearted laugh, referring to the Thai water deity called Phra Mae Khongkha. "She wanted to come into our streets and to see what the city is like. But we've had enough, it's time for her to go."

Loy Krathong has its roots in an era

pliers out of action. Yet the losses are expected to be noticeably less than those caused by the tsunami.

The calamity has also revived predictions that foreign businesses might flee Thailand, which has endured crisis after crisis—manmade and natural—in the past decade. There is yet no hard evidence to support those assertions, while Japanese automakers, who rank among the biggest investors in Thailand, have said they remain committed to keeping the country as their main production base in Southeast Asia.

Toyota, Japan's biggest automaker, said Thursday it will resume production at its Thai plant Nov. 21, indicating that Toyota may be able to bounce back from the flooding far more easily than it had from the March earthquake and tsunami. Toyota's production in Thailand was stopped Oct. 10.

Toyota's North American production, which had been cut since Oct. 29, is expected to be back to mostly normal by next week, although the automaker isn't ruling out further disruptions.

As of Nov. 12, the floods had cost Toyota 150,000 vehicles in lost production, nearly 90,000 of that in Thailand, and 40,000 in Japan. The floods were affecting supplies of some 100 items, including resin and electronic parts, according to Toyota.

when most Thais lived in stilt houses made of wood, dependent on rivers and rain-fed agricultural land for their sustenance and survival.

That life is being erased by modern development, which critics say has exacerbated the current crisis. Over the last few decades, canals that once allowed annual floodwaters to pass through the capital unimpeded have been paved over to make room for roads, highways, shopping malls and housing estates.

Karzai says India, US deals no threat to region

ADDU, Maldives (AP)—Afghan President Hamid Karzai attempted to ease tensions with Pakistan, asserting Thursday that a strategic partnership with India and talks for a similar U.S. deal do not threaten his country's neighbors.

Pakistan had reacted angrily to the India deal announced last month that many in Islamabad fear would increase its archenemy's influence in Afghanistan.

The pact, the first Afghanistan has signed with any country, included provisions for India to help train and equip Afghan security forces.

Some feared Pakistan could respond by ramping up its alleged support for Afghan insurgents to ensure that its own influence in its neighboring country did not wane.

Karzai told leaders of South Asian nations at a regional summit in the Maldives that the India agreement, along with talks it was holding with the

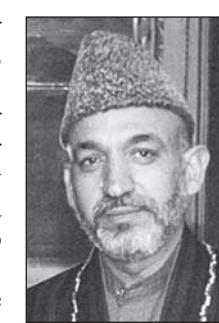
United States for another strategic partnership, was intended to promote peace.

"I wish to reassure our neighbors ... that none of our partnerships we forge now or in the future shall pose a threat to our neighbors or to our region," he said.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they became independent from Britain in 1947, and Pakistan is sensitive to any signs India could be gaining an upper hand in the region.

Pakistan is also under increasing U.S. pressure to cut ties with militants who could be potential allies against Indian influence in Afghanistan once Washington withdraws its combat troops in 2014.

The relations between India and Pakistan have shown signs of improvement recently. Pakistan granted Most Favored Nation status to India to nor-



Karzai

malize trade while India had supported Pakistan gain non-permanent member status in the United Nations Security Council.

Also Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Yousaf Raza Gilani met at the sidelines of SAARC on Thursday after which Singh declared that both countries should stop wasting time exchanging barbs and open a new chapter in their relations.

Praising the developments Karzai said "I hope such examples of goodwill and confidence building will become the norm rather than the exception in South Asia."

Karzai said there was a need for a collective regional action against terrorism and such action would require "overcoming trust deficit" between countries, in indirect reference to India and Pakistan.

ASIA BRIEFS

Gas leak kills 20 in latest China mine accident

BEIJING (AP)—Hundreds of rescuers took turns descending into an illegally operated coal mine Thursday to search for 23 Chinese miners trapped by a gas leak that killed 20 others, in the country's second deadly mining accident in less than a week. Coal dust forced out of the mine by the powerful leak blanketed the ground 30 feet (10 meters) around the pit, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said the private Sizhuang Coal Mine in Qujing city in Yunnan, southwest China, was operating illegally because its license was revoked a year ago.

US scientist receives Kyoto Prize in technology

TOKYO (AP)—American scientist John W. Cahn received Japan's annual Kyoto Prize on Thursday, winning 50 million yen, or about \$650,000, for his contributions in materials science that led to the creation of stronger, lighter alloys used in cellphones and many electronic devices. Cahn, 83, an emer-

World

21 killed across Syria, activists say

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian security forces raided homes and clashes erupted between soldiers and army defectors Thursday, killing at least 21 people across the country, including an 8-year-old girl and six soldiers, activists said.

In some of the attacks, security forces opened fire as they conducted raids in search of dissidents in areas including the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, Deir el-Zour, Hama and Homs, which has emerged as the epicenter of the uprising.

An 8-year-old girl was among the victims in Homs, said Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

There also were reports of fighting between army defectors and soldiers near the eastern city of Deir el-Zour and near Maaret al-Numan, a town on the highway linking Damascus and the major city of Aleppo.

The death toll Thursday was reported by the observatory and the Local Coordinating Committees, an activist coalition. The U.N. estimates some 3,500 people have been killed in the Syrian crackdown since the uprising against the authoritarian rule of President Bashar Assad began eight months ago, inspired by the revolutions in



In this image from amateur video made available by the Ugarit News group on Thursday Nov. 10, 2011 shows the body of an anti-Assad supporter who was believed to be attending a funeral lies next to a car in Damascus on Wednesday Nov. 9, 2011.

U.N. Security Council.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the protesters should avoid turning violent because that "only gives the Syrian government a moral hand."

It is difficult to gauge how many people have defected from the army and what kind of threat they pose to the regime. Although the crackdown has led to broad international isolation

for Assad, he appears to have a firm grip on power, retaining the loyalty of most of the armed forces.

Assad, and his father who ruled Syria before him, stacked key security and military posts with members of their minority Alawite sect over the past 40 years, ensuring loyalty by melding the fate of the army and the regime. As a result, the army leadership will likely protect

the regime at all costs, for fear it will be persecuted if the country's Sunni majority gains the upper hand. Most of the army defectors so far appear to be lower-level Sunni conscripts.

Syria blames the bloodshed on "armed gangs" and extremists acting out a foreign agenda to destabilize the regime.

Syria agreed to a peace plan last week brokered by the Arab League, but the violence has continued unabated. The 22-nation body called an emergency meeting Saturday to discuss Damascus' failure to abide by its commitments.

It was not clear what action the league would take if the bloodshed continues, although it could isolate Syria by suspending or freezing its membership. That would be a major symbolic blow to a nation that prides itself on being a powerhouse of Arab nationalism.

The government has largely sealed off the country from foreign journalists and prevented independent reporting, making it difficult to confirm events on the ground.

Key sources of information are amateur videos posted online and details gathered by witnesses and activist groups who then contact the media, often at great personal risk.

Pope may visit Cuba, Mexico next spring

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican said Thursday that Pope Benedict XVI is looking into visiting Cuba and Mexico next spring, traveling to a region where about half of the world's Catholics live and where Pope John Paul II made historic visits during his pontificate.

The announcement marked the first word from the Vatican of a possible foreign trip for the pontiff next year, and signals that despite his age—he turns 85 in April—and increasing frailty, Benedict still intends to travel far to meet the world's Catholics.

Mexico is poised to take Brazil's place as the world's top Catholic nation, although the church is losing members in both countries. The church in Cuba, meanwhile, has taken on a prominent role recently in negotiating the release of jailed dissidents.

In recent days, the Vatican asked its papal envoys in Cuba and Mexico to inform religious and political authorities that Benedict is studying a "concrete project" to visit the two countries, Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said.

Libya's new leaders to bet on economic diversity

LEPTIS MAGNA, Libya (AP) — The breathtaking ruins of this Roman Empire port city on the Mediterranean may well hold the key to a brighter economic future for Libya, which under Moammar Gadhafi was dangerously dependent on oil.

Some of Libya's new leaders say the country must develop other revenue sources because even Libya's vast oil reserves—the biggest in Africa—will one day run out. Tourism, which long stagnated under Gadhafi, is one lucrative realm into which to branch out.

"I think that that's one of the major shifts, strategically, for the economy of Libya," outgoing Finance and Oil Minister Ali Tarhouni said of the push toward economic diversity.

Leptis Magna, one of ancient

hafi, are keeping visitors away. While there has been little violence since the fall of the Gadhafi regime, the interim government has not yet asserted full authority over some of the militias that brought down the dictator.

The ancient cobblestone streets of Leptis Magna were largely deserted this week. The city, which was settled as far back as the beginning of the 1st millennium B.C., flourished under the Romans and boasts largely unspoiled remains of a forum, baths, triumphal arch and theater.

On Monday, about two dozen employees of the International Committee of the Red Cross, taking a break from visiting detention centers by former anti-Gadhafi fighters, rested in the cool shade of what remains of Leptis Magna's basilica.

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexican drug cartel tries to silence Internet

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's hyperviolent Zetas drug cartel appears to be launching what may be one of the first campaigns by an organized crime group to silence commentary on the Internet. The cartel has already attacked rivals, journalists and other perceived enemies. Now, the target is an online chat room, Nuevo Laredo en Vivo, that allows users to comment on the activities of the Zetas and others in the city on the border with Texas. Already, three ap-

parent site users have been slain, and a fourth victim may have been discovered Wednesday, when a man's decapitated body was found with what residents said was a banner suggesting he was killed for posting on the site. Chat room users said they could not immediately confirm the victim's identity, because people all post under aliases.

Attackers blow up Egypt gas line, halting exports

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Attackers set off explosives along a gas pipeline in Egypt's Sinai

5th Death Anniversary

In Loving memory of,

Magdalena Borja Tudela Salas

Lovingly known as
"Nan Denang"

We, the family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be offered every morning beginning on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

On the last day Tuesday, November 22, 2011, Rosary will be at 5:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served immediately after the Mass at the Social Hall.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu's Ma'ase
Thank You

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Young Style

Teens turn to life coaches to cope with the pressure

NEW YORK (AP)—At 17, Maggie Duwelius is a busy high school senior with her eye on a tough, competitive college.

She's a hard worker, her mom said, but her grades often fall short of that goal as she navigates a whirl of extracurriculars: sports, volunteer gigs, voice lessons, baby sitting.

Maggie's life—much of the crush self-imposed—felt out of control, with up to six hours of homework nightly and as little as five hours of sleep.

"She's the most self-motivated of my three kids by far, but she's not one of those naturally 'I can walk into this test with a pencil and do all right' kids," said mom Sarah Duwelius in suburban Portland, Ore. "I'd see her working so hard and thought there has to be another way."

That's where Maggie's life coach came in, riding a trend over the last few years of extending the nontraditional help for adults to middle and high schoolers. Life coaching for kids is not just about streamlining study habits or staying organized, though those things are part of what John Williams does with Maggie. It's about young people taking control.

"It's more about the internal game, which is where the next frontier of education is," said Williams, a former Latin teacher. "Coaching provides her an arena to talk through things she's thinking about doing, which activities to be involved in, how she should allocate her time, what's most important to her."

As a former middle school and high school teacher, Williams said he saw "that kids were not getting a lot of essential skills I wish I had gotten, like the ability to understand a default perspective and how to shift that perspective, or to just be aware of what your top three values are, how do you feel about certain relationships and assumptions made in relationships?"

The need, for Maggie's mom, is far simpler: "He's taking a good thing and making it better. He's giving her even more tools and making her successful."

Life coaching can lend valuable breathing room for kids from the cheerleading, criticism or advice that parents and therapists might normally provide.

"What's great about the coaching is the problem identification and problem solving comes from the person being coached," said Sharon Haynes, whose 11-year-old daughter started meeting with a life coach in Houston after a stressful transition to middle school. "I found myself talking to my daughter

ad nauseam and encouraging her and telling her everything was going to be good, but it's helpful to run through it with somebody else."

Haynes' daughter, Tuesday, said her coach "has helped me by showing me the ups and downs of different situations and the different perspectives. She helped me discover my little WIIC monster, and that helps me to see that I don't need to be so nervous and that WIIC makes me worry for no reason."

That's WIIC, for "What If I Can't."

A year into life coaching, the freedom to speak freely with Williams is something Maggie still looks forward to.

"We can talk about anything," she said. "It's just such a better conversation than you can have with someone else. I always walk out of there feeling better. He makes school make sense."

Life coaches, at least 25,000 strong around the globe, are unregulated in the United States, though a nonprofit called the International Coach Federation and other organizations are working to align training and standards. More than half of all life coaches are working in the U.S., according to ICF, but it's unclear how many take on teens as clients. Some charge by the hour, some have a minimum number of sessions. Prices vary but are comparable to therapy.

Many life coaches for pre-teens and teens come from other fields where they've worked with kids, including teaching, social work or psychology, said Sandi Lindgren, a social worker and youth coach in Minneapolis. But kids "have to want the coaching and they have to have something that they want to change, want to do differently," said Lindgren. "It could be something as simple as school or relationships, but it has to come from them."

Not every teen sees the benefits of life coaching. In Chicago, Robin Simborg's 17-year-old son Jack gave up on his coach after four sessions.

"I enjoyed the discussions I had with my life coach and how she made me dig deep and think hard to make connections," said Jack, who hopes to move on to a music college from high school and has had a therapist for years to help with attention deficit disorder and other issues. "I also enjoyed how easy it was for me to apply the lessons I learned to my life. However, I did not get as much out of the exercises as I did working with my therapist."

Some life coaches, like Stephanie Sarkis, a therapist and coach in Boca Raton, Fla., specialize in ADD issues.

"Just having an impartial third party can really help," said Sarkis, who works with high school and college students. "When you're a college student, you want to feel independent. You're focusing on the present and future."

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This undated photo courtesy of Terrill Collier shows the Duwelius family, from left to right, Sarah, Connor, 20, Paul and Maggie, 17, at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.



IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Elizabeth Castro Deleon Guerrero Lovingly known as "Nan Beck Kumoi"

Born to life on December 14, 1935

Called to her eternal rest by our
Heavenly Father on November 08, 2011

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Francisco Santos Deleon Guerrero

Children & Spouses: Josephine and Victor Mesta (Dion & Carina, Christine, Dominic), Antonio and Annie Deleon Guerrero, Barbara and Ben Sablan (Nikkie, JR and Megan, Liam), Joaquina & Ramon Chong (Christopher & Ashley (Ireana & RJ, Francisco (Christopher), Dennis Cruz, Rayna, Rakina), Therese DLGuerrero & Ricardo Cabrera (Terrika, Craig, Caitlin), Ramon DLGuerrero (John Franklin)

Sister: Maria C. Porter,

Sister In-Laws: Dolores B. Castro, Rosa O. Castro, Rita B. Castro

Brothers & Sisters In-Laws: Isabel DLG. Campos & Jesus Campos, Angie DLG. Balecha & Flor Balecha, Cathy DLG. Quinata & Jess Quinata, Ramon S. Deleon Guerrero & Ramona Villagomez

In her new life, she now joins her:

Parents: Jose Villagomez Castro and Rosa Manibusan Castro

Parents In-Law: Jesus D. Deleon Guerrero & Josepha S. Deleon Guerrero

Brothers & Sisters In-Laws: Manuel M. Castro & Maria J. Castro

Nicolasa M. Castro & Lorenzo Roberts, Marceliano M. Castro, Francisico M. Castro, Lee B. Porter, Augustine M. Castro, Rosario O. Camacho

Brother In-Law: Vicente S. Deleon Guerrero & Dolores T. Deleon Guerrero

Son In-Law: Dennis W. Cruz

She is also survived by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.

Daily Mass of intention will be at 6:00pm and nightly holy rosary will follow at Santa Soledad Parish Church in Kagman.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Her remains will be escorted from Commonwealth Health Center Chapel at 7:00 am to Santa Soledad Parish Church in Kagman. Reponso Service will take place at 8:00 am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30 am. Public viewing and last respects will immediately follow.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 am. Interment Service will follow immediately at Sanctuario PAX Cemetery in Kagman.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Si Yu’us Ma’ase

**Francisco Santos Deleon Guerrero and family
Children of the Late †Elizabeth Castro Deleon Guerrero**



Good Housekeeping

There's never an off-season for products that can aid or enhance the yard and garden, indoors or out. Here are some new items worth checking out:



Pane in the Grass, out of Portland, Ore., turns kiln-fused glass and old silverware into unique garden markers.

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Markers with style

Those wooden-stick plant markers are so "Green Acres." Pane in the Grass, out of Portland, Ore., turns kiln-fused glass and old silverware into unique garden markers. There are more than 90 to choose from, from alfalfa to zucchini, priced at \$5 each or five for \$20. Available at paneinthegrass.com.



These whimsically fierce creatures from artist Fred Conlon protect a garden from gnomes and are available at sugarpst.com.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT

Stop the gnomes!

Artist Fred Conlon has added "The Bird," a parrot made from an old pipe wrench, to his menagerie of metal creatures that can dress up a garden. His big seller is the Gnome Be Gone line, ferocious-looking critters who protect gardens and lawns from invasions by gnomes or plastic flamingos. "The Bird" is \$110. A wonderfully whimsical piece depicting two characters carrying off a gnome goes for \$45 (gnome included). Conlon's work is available through sugarpst.com.



Greenbo railing planters are designed to sit on a balcony or rail that's 2 to 6 inches wide. They're divided into two compartments, and each side has a removable draining tray.

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Ride the rail

Greenbo railing planters are designed to sit on a balcony or rail that's 2 to 6 inches wide. They're divided into two compartments, and each side has a removable draining tray. Priced at \$27.95, they come in more than a half-dozen colors for outdoor or indoor use; go to greendzigns.com.

GUSSYING UP THE GARDEN

New products aim to help and enhance your yard

By WILLIAM HEGEMAN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DIY greenhouse

Frame It All is bringing an 8-foot greenhouse to the market next spring. Using the company's modular kits ("Legos for gardeners," says company spokesman David Cohen), a gardener can build a raised bed one, two or three timbers high (or higher, if needed). The new hard-sided greenhouse (\$360) is 8 feet long and made of polycarbonate, supported by an aluminum frame. It is also compatible with Frame It All's other modular kits, so you can get creative in their construction. Go to frameitall.com.

Stink bug trap

The stink bugs are coming! The stink bugs are coming! So far, 33 states have reported stink bugs, an Asian import that came to the U.S. about 10 years ago and are causing havoc in certain regions of the country. They devastate crops and gardens and, when the weather cools, invade homes. Squashing them isn't the solution—remember the name—but the Rescue Stink Bug Trap (\$19.99) may be. For outside use, it employs pheromones (\$9.99 for a seven-week supply) to lure the critters into the reusable trap. As fall nears, set the trap in your attic, snap on the light attachment (\$17.99) and discontinue the pheromones. The stupid bugs will crawl in and meet their maker. Find a retailer at rescue.com.



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Everyone, including thieves, know those fake rock key hiding places. A new spin on the idea is the RocLok, a fake rock that incorporates a lock box that requires a combination to open.

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Heavy security

You know those plastic rocks and turtles and frogs that double as hiding places for your spare house key? Of course you do. So do thieves. A new spin on the idea is the RocLok, a fake rock that incorporates a lock box that requires a combination to open. In addition, unlike the resin or fiberglass types, these things are made of a cement-based material and weigh from 4 to 12 pounds. Five sizes and various shapes from \$64.99 to \$69.99. Go to roclok.com.

THIS IS A HAMMER

A plumber's snake? What's that?

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.



Q: One thing my uncle recommended when I moved into my recently purchased house is something called a plumber's snake. Just what is that? I presume it's for getting into pipes or something.—Tammy in Des Moines, Iowa

A: You're right, Tammy, it does have something to do with getting into pipes. Specifically, a plumber's snake—more professionally known as a hand auger—is a handheld tool used for clearing clogs in drain lines. It consists of a flexible tube with a spring coil on one end, attached to a hand crank at the other end. The tube is inserted into the affected drain until the clog is reached; then the hand crank is turned so that the clogging material gets caught in the spring coil and is pulled out along with the tubing.

The beauty of the hand auger—there's also a larger version called a closet auger or toilet auger, specifically for toilets—is that it can clear many types of clogs without using chemicals to break up the material or using a drill that could break through the pipe.

Using the hand auger takes a little bit of practice. It's not hard to use, but you're fishing blind through the drainpipe, and figuring out the difference between a bend in the pipe and the actual clog can take a few tries. So, for example, let's say you're clearing a clog in a sink drain. You've either removed the trap (the U-bend pipe under the sink) or, if the trap has this, unscrewed the bolt at the bottom of the trap and let the water drain into a bucket. But the clog doesn't clear (meaning it's a little further back in the drain line). With the trap removed or the drain bolt unscrewed:

- Loosen the auger lock (the bolt sticking up at the feeder end of the auger) and feed the cable into the drain line.
- When you meet resistance, find out if you're simply at a bend in the pipe. Feed out a few inches more cable so you have some extra sticking out of the pipe. Tighten down the auger lock. Slowly turn the auger handle clockwise, pushing slightly. If it's a bend in the line, the resistance will stop and you can continue feeding cable.
- If the resistance doesn't let up, you may have located a clog. Turn the handle a few more times to try and snag the clog material. Then, loosen the auger lock. Continue turning the handle clockwise to reel in the cable.
- If you meet solid resistance and then the cable slowly feeds in, with continuous resistance, you likely have a soap clog. Slowly continue to bore through the soap clog until resistance lessens. Then, retrieve the cable by loosening the auger lock and turning the handle clockwise.

Once you've taken care of the clog, reconnect the trap. Run hot water through the pipe, which will flush out loose debris or help break up that soap clog.



HOME TIP: Keep drains healthy with this nontoxic solution: combine 1 cup baking soda, 1 cup salt and 1/4 cup cream of tartar. Pour 1/4 cup of this mixture into each drain in the house, and follow with 2 cups boiling water. Repeat weekly.

Send your questions or comments to ask@thisisahammer.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Sausage and Pumpkin Pasta

There's no getting around pumpkins this fall! Paired with spicy sausage, convenient canned pumpkin livens up the usual dinner pasta.

1 pound rigatoni
8 ounces spicy Italian sausage, casings removed
5 fresh sage leaves, finely chopped
1 can (15-ounce) pure pumpkin
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook rigatoni as label directs, reserving 1 cup cooking water.

2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook sausage on medium 6 minutes, breaking up sausage. Add fresh sage leaves; cook 1 minute, stirring. Add pumpkin and reserved pasta water; mix well.

3. Drain pasta; return to pot. Add sausage mixture; heat through. Stir in Parmesan. Serves 4.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/.

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Life & Style

Student driver can't overcome fear to get behind the wheel

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior in high school and I'm stressed out about the idea of driving. I took driver's ed during the summer and passed the course. Instead of being excited about taking that first step toward independence, I'm scared to death.

I know the goal of driver's ed is to learn safety precautions in driving, but I can't shake the feeling that every time I get into a car I'm risking my life. It has taken an emotional toll on me since last summer, and I wonder if I'll ever get past this fear.

I have talked to friends about driving, and my mom is investing in more driving lessons to boost my confidence. All I'm asking for is some reassurance that driving is not as horrifying as it seems to be. A little help, perhaps?

'D RATHER WALK IN HOUSTON

DEAR RATHER WALK: A car is only a machine. Like any machine, in the hands of someone who is careless—or hasn't learned to use it properly—it can be dangerous. You have successfully passed driver's ed. You will be getting more lessons so you can practice with supervision, which should make you an extra safe driver. If that doesn't give you confidence, then it's time to take your concerns to a therapist who can help you overcome your budding phobia.

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DEAR ABBY: People write so often complaining about all sorts of irritating issues, so I thought I would add a touch of positivity. I'm 27. My boyfriend of five years and I struggle a lot. We're not where we'd like to be professionally, we're often strapped for cash, and frankly, life isn't going the way we planned. But the thing is, I'm happy.

I have a wonderful man who loves me and tells me every day. He makes me smile. Even after five years, the best part of my day is coming home to see him. He comforts me when I'm sad and cares enough to worry when he's away. We plan on getting married someday, but paying rent is more important to me than an engagement ring.

In these challenging times, I'd like to encourage other people to find something positive about their lives. It can really change your perspective.

LOVES LIFE IN ORLANDO

DEAR LOVES LIFE: That's true, and thank you for pointing it out. I spoke recently with a reader who said that when she's feeling down, she "practices her gratitudes"—which include being thankful for a sunny day, someone holding a door for her, having friends who will listen and empathize, as well as her job, which is working with small children whose laughter and enthusiasm brighten her day. In other words, happiness is wherever she chooses to find it.

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DEAR ABBY: My father is 85 and has dementia. I'm having a problem with relatives who want him to sign papers for property and medical supplies he can't use. They say that Dad OK'd them over the phone. What do I do?

WORRIED DAUGHTER IN MONTANA

DEAR WORRIED DAUGHTER: Consult an attorney, preferably one with expertise in elder law, in order to safeguard your father's assets. You may also need to contact your father's physician, who can explain to the attorney to what degree your father's dementia has progressed and whether he is competent to be signing documents. Do not put this off—do it NOW.

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DearAbby

Billy Crystal returning to host the Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Billy Crystal is doing it again.

The 63-year-old comedian and veteran Oscar host said Thursday on Twitter that he is hosting this season's Academy Awards "so the young woman in the pharmacy will stop asking

my name when I pick up my prescriptions."

"Some of the best moments of my career have happened on the Oscar stage," said Crystal in a later statement from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "I am

thrilled to be back there."

This will be the ninth Oscar stint for Crystal, one of the most popular Oscar hosts of recent years. His last time was in 2004. Only Bob Hope hosted more Oscar shows, with 19 ceremonies between 1940 and 1978.

Calle 13 wins Latin Grammy album of the year



AP

Eduardo Cabra Martinez, also known as Visitante, left, and Rene Perez Joglar, also known as Residente, of musical group Calle 13, pose backstage with their awards at the 12th Annual Latin Grammy Awards on Thursday Nov. 10, 2011 in Las Vegas.

Center on the Las Vegas Strip.

Crossover stars Shakira, Pitbull, Usher and Marc Anthony

were among the dozens of international pop stars who shared the stage.

Kutcher pulls back on Twitter after Paterno tweet

NEW YORK (AP)—Ashton Kutcher is handing over his Twitter account to his personal management after he tweeted several uninformed messages about Joe Paterno's exit from Penn State.

On Wednesday night, Kutcher defended the football coach on Twitter before learning the details of the alleged sex-abuse scandal swirling around former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. Kutcher then recanted and apologized on Twitter.

He followed with a blog post Thursday saying he would have Katalyst Media manage his feed as "a secondary editorial measure to ensure the quality of its content."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

First glimpse of Giffords speaking in TV interview

PHOENIX (AP)—Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is able to speak with a clear voice in her first TV interview since she was shot 10 months ago. The 41-year-old congresswoman was seated with her husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, as she spoke with ABC's Diane Sawyer for an interview that will air Monday. A preview was broadcast Thursday on "World News." Giffords was wearing a yellow top with gold buttons and dark eyeglasses. Her brown hair has grown out since it was shaved after the shooting. When Sawyer asked how she felt, Giffords said, "Pretty good." She also said her recovery was "difficult." Giffords is recovering from a brain injury she suffered Jan. 8 when a gunman opened fire outside a Tucson, Ariz., supermarket. Six people were killed and 13 were wounded, including Giffords.

Final 'Inheritance' novel has big opening day

NEW YORK (AP)—The conclusion to Christopher Paolini's "Inheritance" fantasy cycle sold nearly 500,000 copies on its first day of release, one of the year's best openings, but a drop from Paolini's previous book. Random House Children's Books announced Thursday that the combined hardcover, audio and e-books sales for Paolini's

"Inheritance" was 489,500. The fourth and final book of his million-selling series came out Tuesday. The third "Inheritance" novel, "Brisingr," was released in 2008 and sold 550,000 copies on its first day. Random House spokeswoman Judith Haut attributed the decline to the downfall of the Borders superstore chain, which went out of business earlier this year. As of Thursday afternoon, "Inheritance" was No. 1 on Amazon.com's best seller list, displacing the long-running leader, Walter Isaacson's "Steve Jobs."

Nickelback to perform at Lions' Thanksgiving game

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Lions say Canadian rock band Nickelback will play at half-time of their Thanksgiving Day game against the Green Bay Packers. The Detroit News says unconfirmed reports last week that Nickelback would perform at Ford Field drew widespread opposition, including an internet petition drive that gathered at least 50,000 signatures. Signers say they wanted a group with stronger local ties. Nickelback lead singer Chad Kroeger says in a statement that the band from Hanna, Alberta, is "honored to perform" and that he and his bandmates "always love playing in Detroit." Nickelback's new album, "Here and Now," will be released Nov. 21. The Lions also

say the National Anthem will be sung by Lauren Alaina, who was runner-up in the 10th season of "American Idol."

Record for any photo sold at auction set in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—A 1999 photograph of the Rhine river by German artist Andreas Gursky has sold for \$4.3 million in New York City, setting a record for any photograph sold at auction. Titled "Rhein II," the chromogenic color print face-mounted to acrylic glass, had a pre-sale estimate of \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million. It sold Tuesday at Christie's. The buyer was not disclosed. The previous record for any photography sold at auction was Cindy Sherman's "Untitled," which fetched \$3.8 million at Christie's in May. Gursky's panoramic image of the Rhine is one of an edition of six photographs. Four are in major museums, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Tate Modern in London.

Sean Kingston says he's 'bounced back' from crash

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Singer Sean Kingston says he feels blessed to be back on stage after a major Jet Ski accident—and says he's not afraid to get back in the water next time he gets the chance. The 21-year-old star told reporters Thursday

Prince William to be deployed to the Falklands

LONDON (AP)—Prince William will be deployed to the politically sensitive Falkland Islands next year as an air force search and rescue pilot, Britain's defense ministry said Thursday.

The second in line to the British throne will spend six weeks in February and March at the British outpost 290 miles (460 kilometers) east of Argentina's coast in the Atlantic Ocean, the Defense Ministry said.

He will be part of a crew of four Royal Air Force personnel on the deployment. The prince, known in the military as Flight Lt. William Wales, is an RAF helicopter pilot, currently based in Wales.

The defense ministry said William, 29, would not undertake any ceremonial royal duties during the deployment. His wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, will remain in Britain.

Britain has ruled the Falklands for more than 180 years, but Argentina claims sovereignty over the islands it calls Las Malvinas.

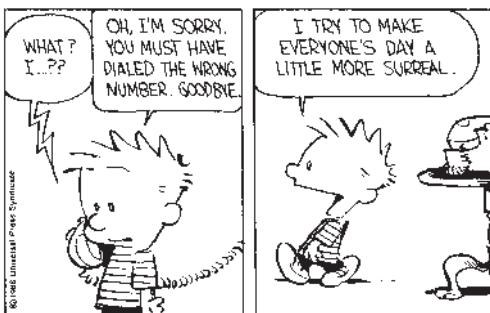
at the Latin Grammys in Las Vegas that he's bounced back from the May 29 crash and is happy to have another chance at life. Kingston performed at the awards show with Puerto Rican duo Wisin y Yandel. Kingston said backstage that he didn't understand what was being said at the show, but he called himself a "huge fan of reggaeton," or Spanish hip hop. "I've dated a few Latin ladies so I understand a little bit, poquito," he said.

'Spider-Man' actor hurt during Parker debut

NEW YORK (AP)—An actor making his Broadway debut as Peter Parker during matinees of "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" has been injured during a performance but is expected to return to fly again. Matthew James Thomas was rushed to a hospital after being hurt offstage during Act 2 on Wednesday afternoon. Show spokesman Rick Miramontez said Thursday he'll be back for his next scheduled performance Saturday. Reeve Carney plays Peter Parker during the week's other six shows. He was at the theater and finished the performance. Details about Thomas' injury weren't immediately released. Thomas' injury was first reported by the New York Post. It was just the latest in a series of accidents that have left several actors in the stunt-heavy \$75 million show hurt or hospitalized.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



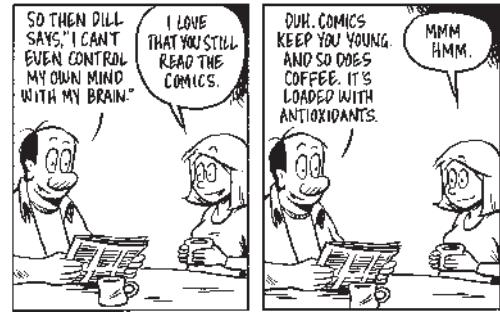
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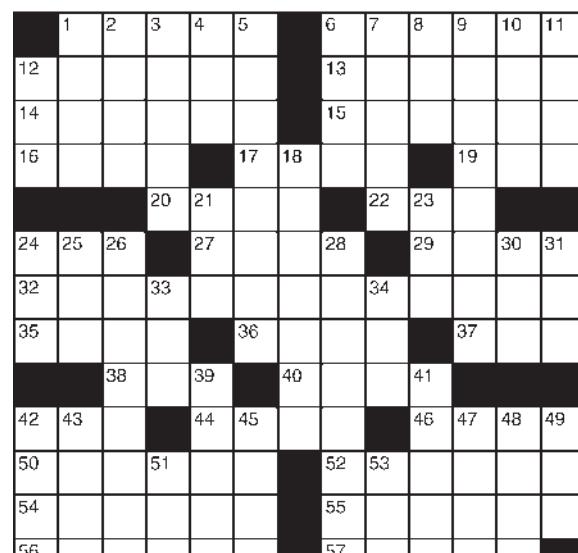


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By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 11-12



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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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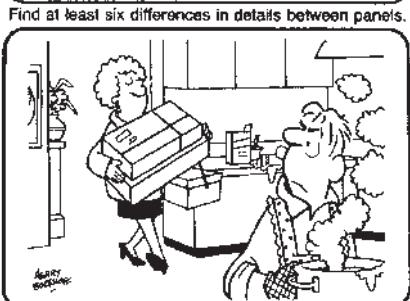
By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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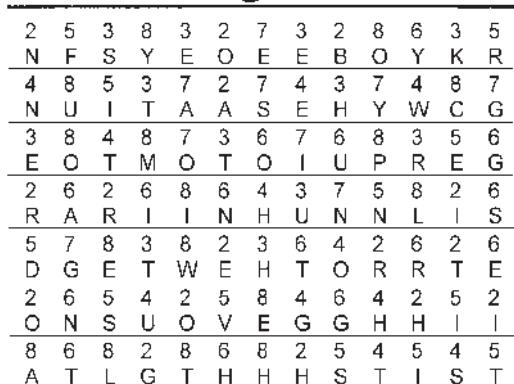
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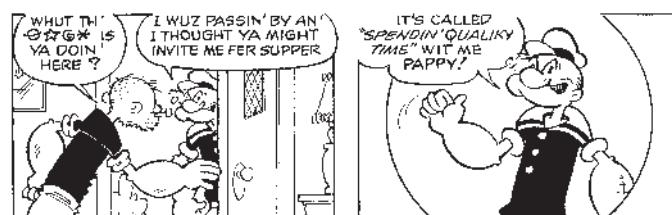
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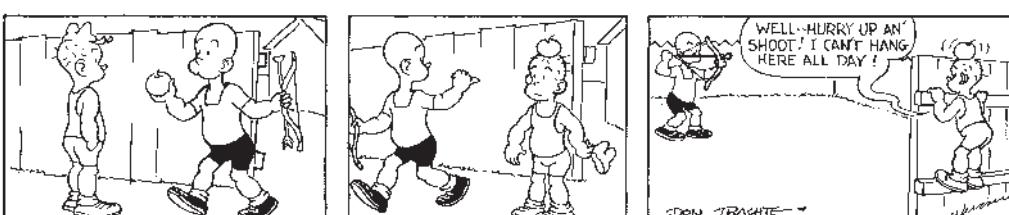
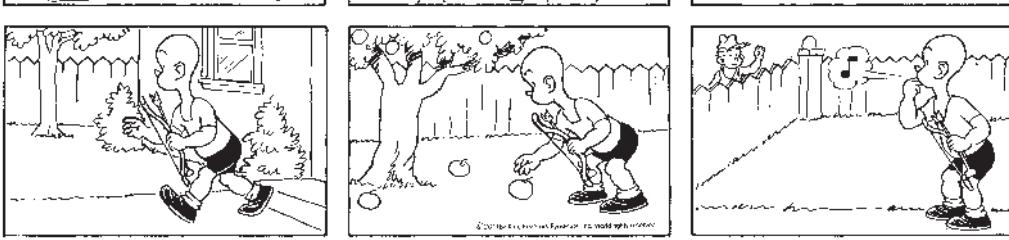
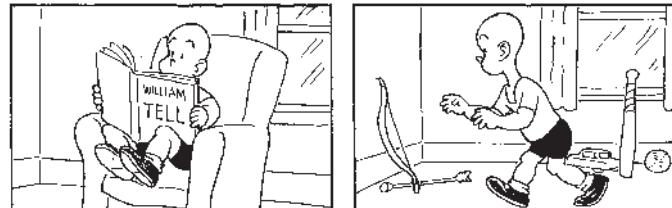
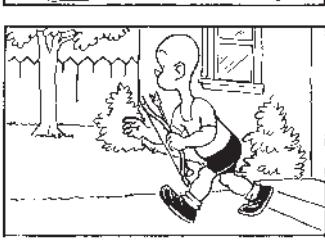


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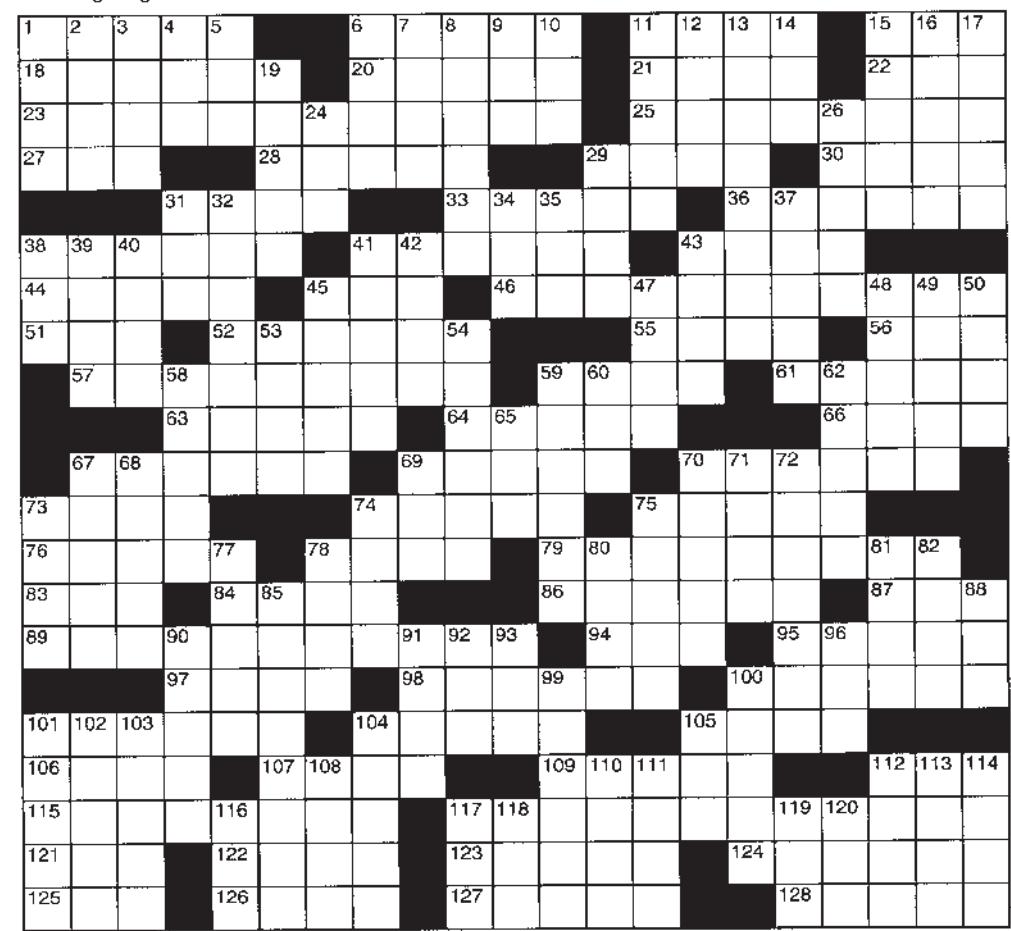
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 - 31 Depraved
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 - 110 Barbecue fuel
 - 111 The — 500
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 - 116 Mai —
 - 117 Ideologue's suffix
 - 118 Singer's syllable
 - 119 Cock and bull
 - 120 Dem's opponent



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: What artist is the subject of a 1970s Don McLean song that begins, "Starry, starry night?"

2. HISTORY: When and where did the first African slaves arrive in America?

3. ANIMATION: What was the name of the craggy peak overlooking Whoville in "How the Grinch

Stole Christmas"?

4. MEASUREMENTS: What is absolute zero measured in Celsius?

5. MOVIES: What was the home planet of the "Transformers" alien robots (2007) who came to Earth?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a

baby horse called?

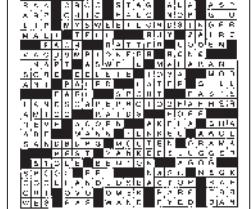
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president proposed the Great Society?

8. LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Canterbury Tales" in the late 14th century?

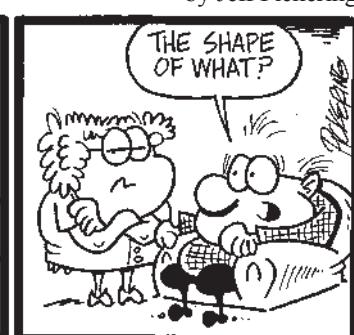
9. MEDICAL: What is the fine test used to diagnose?

10. SCIENCE: What elements were discovered by Pierre and Marie Curie?

Saturday's Answers



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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6. A foal

7. Mount Rushmore

8. Geoffrey Chaucer

9. Tuberculosis

10. Polonium and radium

11. 1619 (Jamestown, Virginia)

12. Lydia Johnson

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EMPLOYMENT

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(1) General Maintenance Mechanic—at least 2 years experience in Scuba Diving business. Fax resume to Crow's Nests Corporation at 235-7742.

(1) Bookkeeper at least 2 years work experience. \$ 5.05/hr. Qualified US Workers may fax resume to 235-2231. Island Essence Inc.

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attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Man's Services, LLC P.O. Box 503393 Saipan, MP 96950.

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Job Vacancy Announcement
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JTL PLANTATION NEEDS:

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Interested applicants to submit resume & police clearance to our office located on the 2nd flr of Quad L's Bldg (where Bank of Saipan Garapan is located). You may call 235-6183 for inquiries.

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(1) General Manager, Salary: \$2,000 - \$2,500.
10 yrs work exp. Preferably speak and write Japanese.

(1) Mechanical Engineer, Salary: \$1,700 - \$2,200.

10 yrs work exp. w/Bachelors Degree.

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Must have B.A. degree in Fine Arts or Interior Design. Strong team building, organization, communication skills are essential. With 8 years or more experience in preparing comprehensive interior design packages including architectural detailing and knowledge of construction documentation. AutoCAD experience is essential. Individual must possess excellent presentation skills and have the ability to manage multiple projects. Conceptual sketching ability desired. LEED AP accredited is a plus. Awareness and experience in workplace strategies and solutions a plus. Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator program knowledge.

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Send resume to annesong71@gmail.com

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ACCOUNTANT (1) – Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with a minimum of 5 years work related experience, proficient in MS Word, Excel, Peachtree and QuickBooks, knowledge of General Accounting and aviation industry, maintain book of accounts, knows how to prepare Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliation, Bookkeeping, Year End Reports, Revenue requirements, Accounts receivables and payables, payroll, withholding tax, FICA, BGRT, excise tax and other work assigned; drop and pick up of customers, booking of charter flights, medical evacuation preparation and directly report to the President. Rate: \$5.05 to \$ 7.50/hr.

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\$5.05/hr

1- Bldg Maint/Elect. Tech,

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1- A/C & Refrig. Tech, \$5.05/hr

1- Cook, 2 yrs exp. \$5.05/hr

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BDC Consultancy (Saipan) LLC

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Experience: Minimum 10 years office work

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Other duties: as required by management.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION : BID/CONTRACTS SPECIALIST (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :
 • Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent Work Related Experience
 • Minimum of three years experience in contracts administration
 • Background in/Knowledge of government contracts process and negotiation preferred
 • Excellent interpersonal skills as well as excellent oral and written communication skills are required
 • Must be proficient in DDMS Software with intermediate/advanced skills in word processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications.
 • Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

POSITION : GOVERNMENT SALES ACCOUNT MANAGER (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :
 • Minimum of 10 year business experience including 5 years sales experience in the government sector with a demonstrated record of success
 • Ability to manage a pipeline of 50+ accounts at any given time
 • Experience with and demonstrated proficiency with MS Office Applications (such as MS Word, MS Excel) and DDMS Software
 • Manage and monitor the MRO purchases of customers
 • Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

POSITION : CREDIT ANALYST (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :
 • Associates Degree in Business/Related Discipline or Equivalent Work Related Experience
 • A minimum of five years experience in a credit/collections environment
 • Proficiency in MS Office Applications (such as MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher) and DDMS Software
 • Strong ability to communicate both orally and in writing
 • Ability to be flexible with position duties and scope of work
 • Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

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POSITION : ACCOUNTANT (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :
 • Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
 • Minimum five years work-related experience in general accounting in the retail industry
 • Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports
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 • Must know CNMI & Federal Tax rules
 • Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, Peach Tree Accounting and DDMS Software
 • Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License

POSITION : INVENTORY CONTROL SPECIALIST (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :
 • 3-5 years experience in related field
 • Working knowledge of inventory practices
 • Cost accounting background
 • Proficient with PC; software to include: word, excel and DDMS
 • Ability to write routine reports and correspondence
 • Detail oriented and well organized
 • Must be flexible to work weekends and holidays
 • Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

POSITION : ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (1)
QUALIFICATIONS :
 • Associate's Degree
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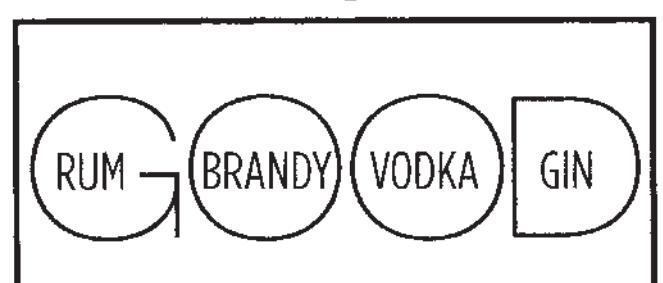
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Paterno gone, but questions at Penn State remain



because Joe Paterno is gone doesn't mean the child sex abuse scandal at Penn State is over.

The Nittany Lions started life without the 84-year-old Paterno on Thursday, introducing interim coach Tom Bradley while the board of trustees was just beginning its formal investigation.

"We're obviously in a very unprecedeted situation," said Bradley, who was Paterno's lead assistant for the last 11 seasons. "I have to find a way to restore the confidence."

Many questions remained unanswered—from how much Paterno actually knew to whether there will be any repercussions for assistant coach Mike McQueary, who told Paterno but not police about seeing former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky in a shower with a young boy in 2002.

The campus was calm Thursday, after thousands of angry students paraded through the streets, some throwing rocks and bottles and tipping over a television news van.

The school said Thursday night that there had been "multiple threats" against McQueary, now the team's receivers coach, and he would not attend Saturday's home finale against Nebraska "in the best interest of all."

Paterno was fired Wednesday night, effective immediately, just hours after the coach had announced that he would retire at the end of the season.

Gov. Tom Corbett arrived Thursday in advance of Friday's previously scheduled trustees meeting and told reporters that he supported the decision to oust college football's winningest coach and university President Graham Spanier because they didn't do enough to alert law enforcement authorities.

"Their actions caused me to not have confidence in their ability to continue to lead," said



Penn State coach Joe Paterno and his wife Sue on the front porch of their house, address students. The students yelled "We Are Penn State" and Paterno responded, "Yes we are!"

Corbett, who is on the board.

Sandusky, Paterno's former assistant and onetime heir apparent, has been charged with molesting eight boys over 15 years. In the week since the state grand jury released its report, athletic director Tim Curley has taken administrative leave and vice president Gary Schultz has retired.

"Certainly every Pennsylvanian who has any knowledge of this case, who has read the grand jury report, feels a sense of regret and a sorrow to also see careers end," Corbett said. "But we must keep in mind that when it comes to the safety of children, there can be no margin of error, no hesitation to act."

It was a hurried process.

"We do not yet know all the facts and there are many details that have to be worked out," board vice chair John Surma in announcing the firings of Pa-

terno and Spanier, one of the nation's longest-serving college presidents.

He said "change was necessary" and added: "To allow this process to continue was going to be damaging to the university."

"We handled it the best way we could with the information we had and with the time that was available to us," he added. "We were wanting to be decisive, but also wanting to be thorough."

Paterno is not a target of the criminal investigation, having fulfilled his legal requirement by reporting what McQueary told him to Curley and Schultz. But the state police commissioner called Paterno's failure to contact police or follow up on the incident a lapse in "moral responsibility."

Paterno has acknowledged that he should have done more but has not said why he didn't go to the police, nor has he said whether he was aware of any earlier alleged assaults. Aside from a few brief comments outside his house and two statements, Paterno has not spoken publicly since Sandusky was indicted.

McQueary, who is Penn State's wide receivers coach, told the grand jury that in March 2002, he saw Sandusky sodomizing a boy of about 10 in the showers at the Penn State football building.

McQueary later told Paterno, Curley and Schultz, although it is not clear how detailed his description was. Schultz, in turn, notified Spanier.

Curley and Schultz—as well as Paterno—testified that they were told that Sandusky behaved inappropriately in that 2002 incident, but not to the extent of McQueary's graphic account to the grand jury.

Curley and Schultz have been charged with perjury and failure to report the incident to authorities, as required by state law. Through his attorney, Sandusky has denied the charges.

McQueary has not spoken publicly. His mother, Anne, said Thursday they have been advised not to comment.

Then 28, McQueary was "distraught" after witnessing the alleged 2002 assault, according to the indictment. Yet it appears he may have continued to participate in fundraising events with Sandusky—including one held less than a month later.

Sandusky was a coach at a March 28, 2002, flag-football fundraiser for the Easter Seals of Central Pennsylvania, and McQueary and other Penn State staff members participated by either playing or signing autographs, according to a "Letter of special thanks" published in the Centre Daily Times.

The paper also reported that McQueary was scheduled to play in The Second Mile Celebrity Golf Classic in 2002 and 2003. The Second Mile is the charity Sandusky founded in 1997 to provide education and life skills to almost 100,000 at-risk kids each year.

And in 2004, the Centre Daily Times reported that McQueary played in the third annual Subway Easter Bowl Game, an Easter Seals fundraiser that was jointly coached by Sandusky.

Sandusky, a former Penn State player and assistant for 30 years, including 22 as defensive coordinator, had long been considered the likely successor to Paterno. But Paterno told Sandusky around May 1999 that he wouldn't get the top job.

According to the indictment, one of the alleged victims testified that Sandusky was "emotionally upset" after that meeting with Paterno, and Sandusky announced his retirement the next month.

Sandusky said he wanted to spend more time with The Second Mile, as well as taking advantage of a generous retirement package that included continued use of an office and access to the school's athletic facilities. Several of the alleged assaults took place on Penn State property.

Sandusky was just 55 when he retired with a sparkling resume. He stepped off college football's fast track when he would have been considered a top candidate for vacancies at any big-time program.

Bradley spent most of his career at Penn State as a defensive assistant and succeeded Sandusky as defensive coordinator.

Penn State has said Bradley will be interim coach for the rest of the season. It has not said if he will be a candidate for the permanent job, nor has it given any timetable for hiring a new coach.

It's not even clear who will do the hiring, with Curley on leave and provost Rodney Erickson serving as interim school president.

Players get a new deal, and a break to ponder it



NEW YORK (AP)—A 72-game season starting Dec. 15 is there for NBA players. All they have to do is say 'yes' to a revised proposal.

If not, they get a far harsher offer, and then who knows if there would even be an NBA season.

"I would not presume to project or predict what the union would do," Commissioner David Stern said. "I can hope, and my hope is that the events of next week will lead us to a 72-game schedule starting on Dec. 15."

The league presented the players' association with the new offer Thursday after nearly 11 hours of bargaining, hoping it

would be enough to end the lockout. But union president Derek Fisher said it doesn't address all the necessary system issues that are important to the players.

"It does not meet us entirely on the system issues that we felt were extremely important to try and close this thing out, and so at this point we've decided to end things for now, take a step back," Fisher said.

"We'll go back as an executive committee, as a board, confer with our player reps and additional players over the next few days. Then we'll make decisions about what our next steps will be at that point."

And that could include disbanding the union, too.

Union executive director Billy Hunter said the hope was to get the player reps to New York for a meeting by Monday or Tuesday, then discuss whether the new proposal was good enough to present to the full membership for a vote.

They can say yes or no, but they shouldn't bother asking for another meeting.

"There comes a time when you have to be through negotiating, and we are," Stern said.

Stern said if there's another bargaining meeting, it would be off the proposal in waiting: a 53-47 split of revenues in the owners' favor, a flex cap with a hard ceiling and salary rollbacks.

That leaves the union to decide

if it could convince its members to accept the revised offer. The league has been willing to offer a 50-50 split of basketball-related income, and Stern said the proposal put in play Thursday night attempted to meet the union on its system issues.

Hunter provided only one specific change, allowing the "mini" midlevel exception for teams over the luxury tax to be for three years at \$3 million a year, as opposed to two years at \$2.5 annually.

"It's not the greatest proposal in the world, but I have an obligation to at least present it to our membership and so that's what we're going to do," Hunter said.

Stern said he didn't expect

the players to like every aspect of the revised proposal, saying there were many teams, too, that didn't like aspects of the revised offer.

But he said he can get it passed, even with some hard-line owners preferring to go to the 53-47 deal already.

"This is the best attempt by the labor relations committee and therefore the NBA to address the concerns that the players expressed coming out of their meeting of the player representatives," Stern said.

Beyond the salary cap system issues that divide the sides, said there were six pages of what Hunter called ancillary items, such as the draft age and the commissioner's disciplinary rights, that still must be addressed before a deal.

"There's not enough progress to get a deal done," Fisher said. "That's the disappointing part. We want to get back on the court."

The union had nearly its entire executive committee in attendance, with Fisher and Hunter joined by players Chris Paul, Maurice Evans, Roger Mason Jr., Keyon Dooling, Theo Ratliff, Etan Thomas, Matt Bonner; attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and Ron Klempner, and economist Kevin Murphy. Management stuck with the same small group as Wednesday: Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, Spurs owner Peter Holt, the chairman of the labor relations committee, and attorneys Rick Buchanan and Dan Rube.

"It's been a long haul," Hunter said.

Palmer leads Raiders to 24-17 win over Bolts



SAN DIEGO
(AP)—Carson Palmer looked like an NFL quarterback again, not like a guy who had settled into semi-retirement in Southern California.

Philip Rivers looked, well, like the turnover-prone quarterback that he's been since opening day.

Palmer threw two touchdown passes and Michael Bush ran 30 times for a season-high 157 yards and one touchdown to lead the Oakland Raiders to a 24-17 win over San Diego on Thursday night, the Chargers' fourth straight loss.

The Raiders (5-4) broke a two-game losing streak and took a half-game lead over the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC West.

"I wouldn't call it a must-win, but it was a big win for us," Raiders defensive tackle Richard Seymour said. "These games in a sense count twice. It's a win and also it's a win in the division. It gives us a leg up right now."

Palmer threw touchdown passes of 33 and 26 yards to Denarius Moore in his second start and third appearance since being acquired in a trade with Cincinnati. He'd been semi-retired and living in Del Mar, just north of San Diego, before being traded. He lives next door to Chargers coach Norv Turner. Palmer was 14 of 20 for 299 yards, with one interception.

Bush helped carry the load for the Raiders with running and also had three catches for 85 yards.

The Chargers (4-5) looked dismal most of the night and lost left tackle Marcus McNeill, right guard Louis Vasquez and linebacker Takeo Spikes to injuries.



Oakland Raiders quarterback Carson Palmer (3) sets to throw a pass in the second quarter against the San Diego Chargers in an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, in San Diego.

AP

The Raiders have won three straight against the Chargers. Before that, San Diego had won 13 straight in a rivalry that dates to the birth of the AFL.

With the Chargers threatening to tie it, Rivers was intercepted in the end zone by Matt Giordano with 3:22 left. It was Rivers' NFL- and career-high

15th interception. Rivers was sacked on consecutive plays near midfield to end the game. He fumbled on the final play, giving him an NFL-high 19 turnovers.

Rivers was 23 of 47 for 274 yards. He was sacked six times as the Raiders overwhelmed Brandyn Dombrowski, who re-

placed McNeill at left tackle. "Obviously some of the offensive linemen went down and we smelled blood and we just went after him," Seymour said.

"All week our defensive coordinator said, 'Hey, they can score from anywhere on the field and it's going to be up to our defensive front to get pres-

sure on the quarterback,'" Seymour added. "We knew we could get it done but it was going to be a collective effort."

The Raiders had 14-point leads in the second and third quarters, and San Diego could never quite catch up.

San Diego struggled in the first half, going three-and-out

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four straight times after getting a 20-yard field goal by Nick Novak on the opening drive.

Rivers was only 4 of 11 for 44 yards for a passer rating of 49.1. By comparison, Raiders punter Shane Lechler had a rating of 39.6 by going 0 for 1. Sebastian Janikowski has a sore hamstring, so the Raiders tried a fake punt from the Chargers' 34 on their first drive. Lechler threw a pass to Jacoby Ford, who was mauled by Quentin Jammer because pass interference can't be called in a punt formation.

Bush scored on a 2-yard leap over the pile late in the first quarter and Janikowski kicked a 23-yard field goal on the next drive. Palmer threw a 33-yard scoring pass to Moore for a 17-3 lead that held up at halftime.

The Chargers finally came to life on the first drive of the second half, capped by rookie Vincent Brown's leaping catch of a 30-yard touchdown pass in double coverage, his first NFL score, to pull to 17-10.

Rivers completed five passes on the drive, one more than he had in the first half, and the Chargers gained 80 yards, compared to 65 yards total in the first half.

The Raiders pushed the lead to 24-10 on the next drive after Palmer found Moore for a 26-yard score. Two plays earlier, Bush gained 55 yards on a screen pass.

Brown appeared to come down with another great TD catch in the third quarter, this one for 33 yards. But referee Ed Hochuli overturned it on replay, saying that since the defender landed out of bounds with his hand on the ball, it was considered out of bounds.

Three plays later, Rivers found fullback Jacob Hester for a 7-yard TD pass to pull to 24-17.

Nick Watney, who opened with a 66 in the tougher afternoon conditions Thursday, took the early lead with an eagle on the 11th hole. He made only two more birdies the rest of the way, however, and shot 73 to fall four shots behind Woods.

U.S. captain Fred Couples opened with a 67 and was among those playing in the afternoon.

The Americans lost one of their player at the Australian Open, however, when Hunter Mahan withdrew Friday morning because of pain in the back of his right shoulder that wouldn't go away. Rather than risking it, Mahan decided to take a few days of rest. He said he fully expects to be playing next week at Melbourne.

Woods was among the controversial selections to the U.S. team, especially because he hasn't won in two years and rarely has put himself in contention. But it was a day like Friday, on the back of the opening round, that made any questions about him look moot.

Woods tops leaderboard in Australia



S Y D - N E Y
Emirates Australian Open
(AP)—Tiger

Woods walked off golf course to see his name atop the leaderboard Friday in the Australian Open. Even more pleasing to him was the way he got there.

With control of his shots and comfortable over the putter, Woods put together his best back-to-back rounds of the year with a 5-under 67 that gave him a one-shot lead among the early starters in the second round.

If it holds up at the end of the day, it would be his first time in the lead after any round since the third day of the Chevron World Challenge last year, and the first time against a full field since his last win two years ago in the Australian Masters. Woods was tied for the first-round lead at The Barclays last year.

"I really played well," Woods

said. "Even though I shot 5 under, it felt it could have been 8 or 9 deep."

He was at 9-under 135, one shot clear of a familiar name in these parts, and to Woods. Peter O'Malley is a member at The Lakes and birdied his last two holes for a 66. O'Malley is memorable to some golf fans in the United States as the No. 64 seed who beat Woods in the opening round of the Match Play Championship at La Costa in 2002.

Jason Day, who played alongside Woods, managed to limit the damage from a few wayward shots and had a 68 to finish two behind.

Jarrod Lyle, the 18-hole leader, was among those who played in the afternoon.

Robert Allenby, who has played with Woods many times over the years, saw a game that was starting to look vaguely familiar.

"Probably in the last six months, that's the best I've seen him play," Allenby said. "I've seen him at his absolute best ... that was a different human being. He's on his way back, that's for sure."

"I think where he is right now is good enough to win. I think you'll find if he keeps going the way he is going, he'll win over the weekend."

Woods has hit plenty of crisp shots, but if there was one that showed an increasing confidence in his swing, it came toward the end of the round on the par-5 eighth. He was in the middle of the fairway, 280 yards from the hole and facing a 15 mph wind. The shot was pure, a bullet with the slightest fade to skirt a bunker and roll onto the green.

"I hit that good," Woods said. "It was a slightly hanging lie and I had to start it at the bunker and just hammer it. It slid about

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	3	0	.625	222	184
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	.625	199	163
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	222	174
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138	169

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	3	0	.667	236	157
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	156	169
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	98	163
Indianapolis	0	9	0	.000	128	283

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	208	130
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	195	140
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	196	162
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	119	170

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	233
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	131	201
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	216	228
Denver	3	5	0	.375	171	224

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	198	184
Dallas	4	4	0	.500	179	175
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203	182
Washington	3	5	0	.375	127	158

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	287	205
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	189	170
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	147	196
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	187	207

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	0	0	1.000	275	179
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	239	147
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	200	174
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	172	199

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	7	1	0	.875	206	118
Seattle	2	6	0	.250	122	185
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	162	196
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125	100	211

Yesterday's Game

Oakland 24, San Diego 17

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SHIRLEY'S STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Mobil	6	1				
DFS	5	1				
PSS	4	1				
Fiesta	5	2				
PIC	4	2				
Wushin	2	4				
Grillin'	1	4				
Hyatt	1	4				
GPPC	1	5				
Shirley's	0	5				

KIMURA

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ing us and for everyone who supported me. I know I don't have a chance against Olympic swimmers in Tokyo, but I'll try my best to get good times," Kimura said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* last Thursday before they left for Tokyo with coach and father Hiro.

"I'm really excited to swim in my first international swim meet, but I'm also really nervous to swim because I'm not really confident in my time. But I'll try my best in Tokyo," Tenorio said in a separate email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Tenorio and Kimura will both swim in the 50m freestyle event tomorrow morning.

"I hope Ken and Shigeki represent the CNMI well in Tokyo. They are young swimmers and their experience in the World Cup will help them in future tournaments," coach Kimura said.

The Tokyo meet is the last stop of seven-leg World Cup series and it features top swimmers, including Michael Phelps, from the U.S., Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world. A whopping \$100,000 awaits the men's and women's champions, which will be determined by compiling points earned from the seven-leg series.

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan will begin its four-series mini meet today. The first part of the series will start at 2:30pm and end at 5pm. The last three events will take place on Nov. 19, Dec. 3, and Dec. 10.

Adam Salalila wins SRCR 'Young Gun' race

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Adam Salalila reigned supreme in the Saipan Radio Control Racers Club's new "Young Gun" 1/10 Electric Stock Truck-Short Course class, which was featured as part of the group's regular monthly event held last Sunday at their track in As Lito.

Other winners included Adam's father Paul taking the Open Short Course Class, while Jude and Butter Dickinson won their respective A-Main Stock and B-Main Class affairs.

Adam Salalila's Traxxas Slash won the kids class in convincing fashion ahead of James Salalila's runner-up Team Losi XXX-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Adam Salalila's Team Losi XXX-SCT roars off the ramp in hot pursuit of Kodin Diaz's Team Associated SC-10 during the SRCR's Young Gun Class race held at the club's track in As Lito.

Soriano gets second win in Battle of Champions qualifier



Jerry Soriano topped last week's VFW Post 3457 9-Ball Tournament, the third qualifier for the Battle of Champions.

Soriano defeated Ron Chisato in the finals to gain his second win in the first three qualifiers. Soriano recorded his first victory after downing Patrick Cepeda late last month.

The third qualifier featured nine players with Soriano drawing a bye in the first

round and then beating Taylor Watanabe in the second round. Next up for Soriano was Cepeda and the former won anew to advance to the semifinals. In the semis, Soriano beat Chisato, who dropped to the loser's bracket and had to beat Cepeda to earn a rematch against Soriano.

Cepeda topped Simon Kapileo in his first game in the loser's bracket and then slipped past Vic Hocog to force the last semis duel against Chisato.

Meanwhile, despite losing in the third

round, Hocog has already secured a slot to the Battle of Championships as he prevailed in the second qualifier on Oct. 29.

Hocog won in the finals against Battle of the Champions victor Bryan Neves. Hocog advanced to the finals after beating Watanabe, Soriano, and Neves in the early rounds. Neves and Watanabe settled for second and third place finishes, respectively.

Organizers hold Battle of Champions qualifying tournaments every Saturday

for four months with the weekly winners eventually competing in the finale for cash prizes and trophies.

Joe's Steak House tournament

In other billiards news, Joe's Steak House Bar & Grill will be hosting a tournament next month.

Budweiser and Pacific Amusement will sponsor the tournament. For more information, please drop by at Joe's Steak House Bar & Grill in Garapan. (PR)

CNMI Nationals fundraiser softball tournament postponed



This weekend's Saipan Major League Baseball Association/CNMI National Baseball team's fundraiser softball tournament has been pushed back to Nov. 23, 25, and 26 at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

The reason for the postponement was a lack of teams.

The purpose of the event is to help defray both some of SML's operational costs and to help pay for outstanding obligations the CNMI gold medal team incurred from the 2011 Pacific Games.

Organizers are hoping for at least



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Fiesta Resort on a roll in Shirley's caging

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan continued its uphill climb in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League after slipping past defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The win was fifth in a row for Fiesta, which is now in solo fourth place after kicking off the first week of the league at the bottom of the team standings, following a 0-2 start. The five-game winning run is the longest win streak for any squad this season, eclipsing the 4-0 start of PIC, which is now on a two-game losing skid.

John March Ong banked a crucial shot in for Fiesta in the closing

seconds of the match, making up for his earlier miscue. Before Ong's basket, Fiesta

was ahead by a precarious lead, 86-85. Ong received a drop pass from a driving Jawn Joyner and canned the 2-footer, upping Fiesta's lead to three, 88-85, with less than 20 seconds left on the clock.

PIC/NVM made several attempts in the ensuing play, but simply could not drill the needed baskets, allowing Fiesta to keep the win.

Fiesta led by as much as 15 points in the second and third periods before PIC launched a rally in the fourth. Ponce Rasa then had a chance to tie the game when he converted a basket and drew a foul, but failed to complete the three-point play, leaving Fiesta with a one-point lead, 86-85, with less than a minute remaining on the clock.

In Fiesta's next possession, Ong was called for a foul away from play against Ziddy Johanes, as the former tried to provide a screen for Elmer Esdrelon. Johanes trooped



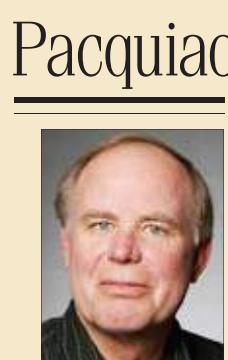
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Fiesta's Jawn Joyner, seen here beating a DFS player for the rebound, fed John March Ong for a crucial banked shot that lifted them to an 88-85 win over PIC/NVM in the Shirley's caging last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

to the foul line for a pair of free throws, but missed both.

Ong went on to redeem himself in Fiesta's offensive set after getting a perfect feed from Joyner and hitting the banked shot.

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TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

Pacquiao faces old nemesis in fight with Marquez

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The hype is on for the return of Manny Pacquiao, boxing's most exciting fighter, who was last seen headed back to his duties as a congressman in the Philippines after dominating Shane Mosley in a 12-round decision in May.

And, while he's not fighting Floyd Mayweather Jr. as fight fans have hoped for a long time, he will be in the ring against Juan Manuel Marquez, a man who has given him more trouble than any other fighter in recent years.

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They've gone 24 rounds together, with not much separating them. Pacquiao escaped in a draw in their first fight seven years ago, then won a decision by the narrowest of margins in the 2008 rematch.

That, however, was before Pacquiao exploded into the public consciousness with dominating wins over Oscar De La Hoya and others. And it was before Pacquiao grew big enough to fight comfortably as a welterweight, where he is not only bigger but stronger.

Palmer leads
Raiders to 24-17
win over Bolts

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MHS cage belles complete undefeated regular season

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MISO The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins ran roughshod over the Kagman High School Ayayus, 61-26, and capped off a perfect regular season in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium. KHS finished the eliminations at 1-5.

In addition, MHS also defeated KHS, 17-8, in the junior varsity pairing.

The Junior Dolphins finished tied for first place with Saipan Southern High School in the standings. Both squads ended with 3-1 records, while KHS went winless in four games.

The defending champions varsity Dolphins ran the table in six games and are the heavy favorite coming into the double-elimination postseason, which is set from Nov. 18 to 19.

The Nov. 18 matches will take place at the MHS Gym starting at 1pm, while the games will be moved to the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium on Nov. 19 with games starting at 8am.

MHS' Melody Johnson heated up early with 11 points in the opening 10 minutes as the Dolphins catapult-

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Marianas High School's Madeline Alegre goes up for layup against Kagman High School in their MISO girls basketball game Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

Kimura, Tenorio debut in FINA World Cup today

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Tsunami Saipan's Kensuke Kimura and Shigeki Tenorio left Saipan yesterday morning and will compete for the first time in FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup 2011 today at the Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center in Japan.

The 16-year-old Tenorio will race in the preliminary heat of the 50m breaststroke this morning, while Kimura's first event will be the 100m individual medley, also in the morning session of



the opening day of the tournament. Start line-ups of both heats were unavailable at press time, but Tenorio's event is fourth on the list, while Kimura's IM race is third to the last in the morning session.

The semis and finals of Day 1 events will take place this evening.

"It is a privilege to join the tournament in Japan. I would like to thank the Japan Swimming Federation for invit-

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Kimura



Tenorio